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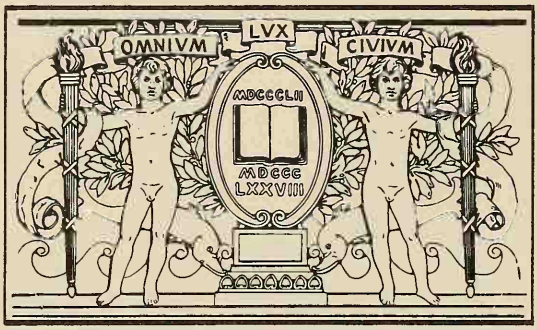

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Chittenden, Chapman, Wright,
Baldwin, Sanford, Post, Lee,
Buell, Rogers, Dudley, Hull,
Farnum, Tooley, Smith, Hurd,
Spencer, Denton, Shaw, Doud,
Griswold, Prentice, Jackson,
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Hubbard, Dudley, Graves,
and Wilcox

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PREFACE

This Genealogy on the Steevens-Stephens Family by Doctor Claude Willis Barlow has corrected and revised the existent material in print on this family and proves conclusively the descent of Eliphalet Stephens, the first settler of my native town of Nicholson, Pennsylvania. This is a major accomplishment for we now know from whence our settler came.

Many Stephens descendants have attempted to solve the mystery of the ancestry of Eliphalet Stephens for more than a century but they all failed due to the fact that the printed genealogies had made serious errors in identifying his parents. The variations of the surname also confused them. Dr. Barlow has straightened out all of this for us.

At the close of the 19th century a Stephens Family Reunion was organized in Nicholson and for a decade or more attracted annually several hundred descendants. Cousins scattered throughout the United States returned to renew family associations. At the first reunion, Mrs. Laura Bacon Bell (Mrs. Philander H.) was elected historian. She interviewed all the members of the family present and corresponded with many others. About 1905 she wrote a genealogy of the Eliphalet Stephens family. At that time she was not able to determine who the parents of Eliphalet Stephens were. Others joined her in research but all of them had to give up in defeat. They were sure that he descended from the Guilford Stephenses and was born in Connecticut. They affirmed that his family had its origin in Old England. Otherwise nothing could be found.

We express to Dr. Barlow our eternal gratitude for correcting the records so that the facts are fully known and the many Stephens descendants can at last take pride in their New England heritage. Also our thanks to John M. Stephens for authorizing and printing all of this research.

Rev. Garford F. Williams
Nicholson, Pennsylvania
November 24, 1975

INTRODUCTION

The early Steevens families of Guilford and Killingworth, Connecticut have been collected in at least four genealogies, all of them written seventy or more years ago. The earliest was in a collection of all Guilford families by Alvan Talcott, a physician, during his long life in Guilford in the latter half of the nineteenth century. They are found in several folio books in the collections of the New London County Historical Society, and are available for study at the Connecticut State Library in Hartford in both photostat and microfilm copy. Doctor Talcott did not use much source material such as land and probate records, but he did have access to much family information from living descendants, some born before 1800. The present genealogy does not always agree with his lineages, but all of his dates which could not be verified have been credited to his work.

The similar Guilford family compilations of Honorable Ralph D. Smyth have been arranged by others and were printed in several issues of the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* between 1898 and 1905. The one of "John Stephens" was published in volume 56 (1902) pages 356-361. It includes the children of the grandsons of the first John Steevens; it was the first work to claim that John Stevens of New Haven was the son of John Steevens of Guilford. I have also used the Smyth material on other families, including Evarts, Lee, Cruttenden, Seward, and Parmelee. Some of his information may have been taken from the earlier work of Doctor Talcott. Mister Smyth's papers are preserved at the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

The first book dealing entirely with this family was the "Stevens Genealogy" by Reverend Doctor C. Ellis Stevens of New York City, published in 1904. Doctor Stevens emphasized the descendants of William[2] Steevens, and his own line for nine generations through Elihu Stevens of Claremont, New Hampshire. He also accepted the family connection of John Stevens of New Haven, which appears to me very questionable. Dr. Stevens' most unfortunate error was in identifying the first settler, John Steevens of Guilford, with John Stephens, born 1622, son of Sir Edward Stephens of Little Sodbury, Gloucestershire, England. Mrs. Holmes, in the book to be mentioned next, carefully copied the English records which prove that John Stevens, son of Sir Edward, died at the age of 21 in 1643, while a student at Oxford. She also points out quite correctly that this boy was only seventeen years of age when our John Steevens arrived in Guilford in 1639 with three children.

The last of these family accounts was the book by Charlotte Steevens Holmes of Elmira, New York, 1906, entitled "A Genealogy of the lineal descendants of John Steevens who settled in Guilford, Connecticut in 1645." Mrs. Holmes was a descendant of Ebenezer Steevens and Lucy Griswold of Salisbury. About sixty pages were devoted entirely to the descendants of Ebenezer in all lines, and it is to be noted that his descendants have preserved the spelling Steevens to the present day. Mrs. Holmes had apparently intended to collect only the descendants of Thomas[2] Steevens, but after the appearance of the book by Ellis Stevens she included much of his material on William[2] Steevens. She has printed in an appendix much of the early documentary information from the Killingworth area; her book is well indexed, and I have had the use of a complete photocopy while compiling the present work.

If there are several places where on my own analysis of the family varies from all previous accounts, that was intentional, and it was based always on full documentary evidence, which has been discussed at the appropriate places in the text. These discrepancies have also been an important consideration in the decision to compile a new account of the family from the beginning. Most of the confusion has been caused by the repetition of

common names such as John, Thomas, and William in every generation of the family.

This book has uncovered *Mayflower* ancestry in several of the intermarriages, notably the Bradford descendants of Melatiah, second wife of Samuel Steevens, and the Alden descendants of several Grinnell connections in Saybrook. I have also tried to indicate all descendants and spouses who have been accepted as DAR Patriot Ancestors, or who are known otherwise to have served in the Revolutionary War, although I have not regularly given all the details of the military service of each individual.

The English home and origins of the first John Steevens remain unknown, in spite of all attempts to place him. His own birth in 1600 or earlier, his marriage to an unknown wife, the births of four children, the death of the wife, and the probable marriage of his eldest son John should all be in English sources before 1639. It is often stated that he was from County Kent, but this, so far as I can determine, is based on the fact that most of the men on the first shipload to Guilford were from that area, and were associates of Rev. Henry Whitfield, including Henry Kingsnorth, the husband of John's only daughter Mary Steevens. This common origin does not hold for the passengers with John Steevens on the second ship.

A modern type of search in English sources has been conducted over the past few years by Robert W. Massey, esquire, of Oxford, England. He has searched all published records which might conceivably be of help, and his own extensive index of early emigrants to America. He has read many wills, not only in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (the senior court of southern England), but in various counties across the south of England. Most of the families about whom information is obtainable are those of Gentlemen, while it is believed that John Steevens was not of the gentry class. Mister Massey concludes that no sources have come up with the original home of John Steevens in Old England, and that, although searches are being continued, only by a stroke of good fortune will any definite connection be found.

The compilation of the history of Connecticut families depends on the wonderful collection of source material at the Connecticut State Library in Hartford. It will be helpful to mention some of the collections, and to describe the historical development of the records in the towns most concerned with the Steevens families. Guilford was settled in 1639, named and organized soon after. It was originally a part of the New Haven Colony, and later one of the towns included in the county of New Haven and the New Haven probate district. Some of its earliest vital records were not included in the Barbour collection, but were published by Mister Jacobus in *The American Genealogist*, starting in volume 13. The surviving records of the First Congregational Church of Guilford commence in 1717; a second parish was started in 1707 in the east part of Guilford, now Madison; a third parish, now called Second Church, has records for the north part of Guilford from 1720. The surviving records of all three of these churches are in Hartford. Madison was not incorporated as a separate town until 1826, and its records do not play a large part in the present work.

The Guilford probate district was formed in October 1719 and its records include Killingworth from that date until May 1780; hence they form the most important collection of the wills and other probate records of the Steevens families in this book. Until a very few years ago it was necessary to search the microfilm of the probate record books (inadequately indexed) for information, but the original papers have now been accessioned in the Connecticut State Library, and index cards have been filed in the regular series. These Guilford probate files have not received numbers.

The other town whose records are most important for the Steevens name is, of course, Killingworth, settled in part in 1664, named in 1667, originally called Kenelworth. At that time it was part of the county and probate district of New London. I have used the vital records in the Barbour collection, but have reason to suspect that they contain numerous errors. The Steevens records gathered by Mrs. Holmes were done at the town clerk's office soon after 1900 and were later compared for her by the town clerk against the originals. The records

in the *Buell Genealogy* and some others must have been made from the originals also; I have tried to indicate when there is a variation in the reports, but have never had the opportunity to see the original records myself. The original area of Killingworth included the present town of Clinton, which area was settled earlier because it was nearer the shore line. Clinton did not become a separate town until 1826, by which time most of the fifth generation Steevens descendants had died. As implied above, probate records before October 1719 are in New London, which means that they suffered the fate of other New London records during the British occupation of the Revolutionary War. After several families had settled in the north part of old Killingworth, they petitioned for a separate parish, which was founded early in 1738. The records of this second church, covering the years 1735 to 1898 are at the Connecticut State Library, and have been carded. They are quite complete and form a very important part of the source material for the present account, especially when they report baptisms for families not found in the Killingworth vital records.

When the original church of Killingworth was formed in October 1667, it was located in the present village of Clinton. The second minister, Reverend Abraham Pierson (1694-1707), held the first meetings for Yale College at his house from 1701 until the school was removed to New Haven. When the second parish was formed, the original parish (now Clinton) remained the First Congregational Church of Killingworth, until the formation of the town of Clinton in 1838. Hence the present First Church of Clinton was the original Killingworth Church and had possession of the earliest records. It is most unfortunate that these early records have survived so incompletely. For the eighteenth century with which we are concerned, there are a few baptisms just after 1710, more numerous marriage records for the middle of century, and a few death notices. None of these is found at the Connecticut State Library in any form. My knowledge of the information is mostly from a Colonial Dames copy made before 1914, now at the Connecticut Historial Society, and from detailed study of the surviving originals in Clinton, kindly furnished to me by Miss Jean Rumsey.

The land records of Killingworth, another source with much important information of family divisions and inheritances, had to be used on microfilm with unsatisfactory indexes in each separate volume. It is reported that a good modern index is at the Killingworth town clerk's office.

Grave records were taken from the Hale collection at the Connecticut State Library, copies made mostly around 1935, and from some earlier copies found in several places. Recently it was reported that some of the graveyards are in poor condition because of fallen trees. There are several discrepancies in the reports, and probably many stones which existed forty years ago could not now be located or read.

Because the residents of Killingworth have had their probate records filed in several places at various times, it is well to indicate the exact divisions here: in New London until October 1719; in Guilford until May 1780; in Saybrook until June 1834; in Killingworth until May 1838; in Clinton until June 1842; since then in Killingworth again.

The inclusion of female descendants has involved several connections, in which very good accounts had already been published under other family names. The most important of these are Buell, Kelsey, Rogers, and Wilcox. Some verification has been attempted, and in a very few places I disagree with those books, but they also have data which could not be checked, and due credit has been given in those cases. Some of these accounts also contain extensive descriptions of wills and land holdings, which often have not been repeated here. Other families are represented by genealogies, some more than 100 years old; these include Chapman, Dod, and Doud, for example. I have attempted to check all of their statements against records available today.

Some of the families in Killingworth and Saybrook have never been published, and in the case of two names this book represents the first time

that they have appeared in print, notably the descendants of Edward Rutty, one of the first settlers of Killingworth, and of Andrew Tooley, son of Christopher Tooley, another first settler. These names are not found in any index cards at the Connecticut Historical Society; thus the present book is a first attempt at a family account for all Rutty and one branch of Tooleys. The latter are apparently not related to the Tully family of Saybrook.

Marriages between first cousins in colonial America were never uncommon, especially in smaller towns in which the few families produced many offspring, but it does impress one that the number of intermarriages between first, second, and third cousins in Killingworth was more common than usual. Sometimes they are not apparent, because of different family names; an attempt has been made to identify all such marriages, some of them in the sixth generation.

Variant spellings in the original records are extremely common. Steevens has been used in the present work, as it is almost universal among male descendants in the 1700's. The evidence for John Steevens the immigrant is less clear, but most of the variations were made by clerks in records of courts or in deeds which did not reflect the spelling that would have been used by the men themselves. Stephens became the common form for the Pennsylvania branch before 1800; Stevens also was used not much before 1800, and mostly by families which had moved to New Hampshire or to Berkshire County, Massachusetts. In quoting original records I have tried to follow the form actually used in the record. Wilcox has a great many variants; Kelsey was written Kelcey almost universally; and Dodd was always spelled Dod at the period with which we are concerned, but I have adopted the modern spellings for these families.

All places mentioned in the text are in Connecticut, unless another state is named or clearly implied.

Finally, it is a pleasure to acknowledge the valuable assistance offered by several libraries and individuals. The library research and the examination of original source material and published genealogies were accomplished at the Connecticut State Library, the Connecticut Historical Society, the American Antiquarian Society, and the New England Historical and Genealogical Society. To the staffs of all of these institutions I express many thanks for frequent service as a part of their regular work, and also in helping to solve special problems.

To Miss Jean Rumsey of Oak Park, Illinois, I am indebted for her willingness to share her special knowledge of the families and for bibliographical materials on Killingworth and Saybrook and other towns nearby. In particular she has freely shared her genealogical experience in discussing the more difficult problems of identification, in developing new theories of family connections, and in copying church records and other source materials. She is not responsible for the choices I have made or for the preferences I have stated in cases of doubtful interpretation.

My original interest in this Steevens family was aroused by the Reverend Garford F. Williams of Nicholson, Pennsylvania, an authority on the history and the families of Wyoming County and surrounding areas. He first asked me to search for the Connecticut origin of Ebenezer Stevens, whose known son Eliphalet had settled in Nicholson after the Revolutionary War. I discovered from the papers of Mrs. Edna Rogers at the Connecticut Historical Society that she had been involved in a similar search around 1910 without success. The slender but tenous thread of evidence that led back through Dutchess County to Fairfield, Connecticut, and eventually to the Steevens family of Killingworth has been described in the account of the family numbered 36 within. Reverend Mister Williams has furnished many bits of interesting evidence, has acted as guide to the Nicholson area on a memorable visit, and has also read the entire manuscript with a critical eye for phrasing and interpretation, offering suggestions which have been incorporated. He has saved me from numerous errors of detail.

Mr. Williams' interest in the finished account will be second only to that of John Mills Stephens of Rochester, New York, a direct descendant of Ebenezer and Eliphalet, who has collected extensive material on the later generations of their lines, and has compiled information about many living relatives, material which may now be published, since the exact origin of the Pennsylvania Stephens families has been determined and made available. He also became aware of important discrepancies in statements made in earlier genealogies about his Connecticut lineage and about several other early families, and urged me frequently to compile a new account of the family, which would both correct the earlier errors and reveal a large amount of new information now available in the collected public records of Connecticut. The active work of gathering the information and writing it into a connected story has filled much of my time for two years; it has proved advantageous to use this extra time to avoid hasty conclusions. During that period Mr. Stephens and I have been able to discuss at length the interpretations and information in which he was interested, and I have been able to share ideas on how best to present the problems which develop in any account of an early family. This personal relationship and interest in the final product have been a new and valued experience to me.

And to my close friend, Frank Emery Coldwell, it is a pleasure to express my gratitude for continual help in gathering and compiling the genealogical data involved, for giving advice in discussion of numerous problems, and for patient work in long hours of proof-reading.

Claude W. Barlow

FIRST GENERATION

1. JOHN STEEVENS OF GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT

The first settlers of Guilford, Connecticut set sail from England in the *Saint John* on 20 May 1639 and arrived in New Haven between 10 and 15 July 1639. They were under the leadership of Reverend Henry Whitfield, and most of them came from County Kent. When on the high seas they drew up a covenant and referred to themselves as "planters." A second ship arrived in New Haven later in July 1639, and one of its passengers was John Steevens, whose descendants are the subject of this book. A reconstructed list of the persons on each ship may be found in Edward E. Atwater, *History of the Colony of New Haven*, Meriden 1902.

John Steevens undoubtedly went directly to Guilford with the others, although there is no mention of his name for the first few years. It is said that he was appointed a judge by 1645, and for this he must have acquired some degree of prestige. Numerous early items may be found in the early records of Guilford, now very hard to decipher, and in Bernard C. Steiner, *History of the Plantation of Menunkatuck*, Baltimore 1897. The Town Mill of Guilford was a tide mill, completed in the latter part of 1645, and "Goodman Stevens" was one of the three men appointed to build the dam.

Steiner also reports a court case tried in September 1645, when Jacob Sheaffe brought suit against John Steevens for breach of contract. Steevens had agreed to build 30 rods of fence for Sheaffe's East Creek lot by the first of the preceding May. His failure to do so had allowed some hogs to roam and damage corn belonging to another man, as a result of which Sheaffe had already been fined. In this case John Steevens acknowledged both the agreement and the fact that the fence had not been built. He claimed that the hogs were disorderly, and that the magistrate had assigned him to ten and a half days of work about the mill. The court sentenced him to pay the judgment previously won against Sheaffe for damage caused by the hogs.

John Steevens and his son Thomas appear on lists of settlers in 1650, from which it may be concluded that the other son William was not yet of age.

The General Court of the New Haven Colony started plans at its session of 23 June 1654 for an expedition against the Dutch in New Amsterdam. The force of at least 800 men was to include 133 from the colony, of whom 17 were to be from Guilford. These included as corporals three men from Milford "and Thomas Steuens of Guilford, but this last is onely for this present service, and that he proceede no higher in any other office, because he is not a free-man, and that the chiefe millitary officer be acquainted with it."

Thomas Steevens could not have become a freeman until he was a church member, and even his father was not made a freeman until 1656. It is fortunate that the conclusion of peace between England and Holland caused the planned expedition to be dropped within the month. A full account may be found in *Records of the Colony or Jurisdiction of New Haven,* II (1858) 107-110.

A few months earlier, 1 March 1654/5, Thomas Steevens was accused of selling flax "wanting about an ounce in each pound." His plea was that he had lost a piece of lead, a pistol bullet, from his scales. The Court decreed that he had been in error not to have proved his scales for several years. Though they granted that he did not willingly deceive, he was fined ten shillings and compelled to make up any losses. In December 1656 John Meigs claimed that Thomas Steevens had sold him land at Hammonassett, over which they had disagreement, during which it was claimed that Thomas had called Meigs and his wife "no fit witnesses." This time the disputants were told to settle the matter among themselves, or by the mediation of some friends. Thomas Steevens himself had been the victim of fraud when he sued William Dudley Junior for making shoes that were too short for their supposed size, as well as made up of many shreds of leather. This was confirmed by the testimony of three shoemakers, and Dudley was given a double fine, including a payment of five shillings to the plaintiff.

For several years, starting in 1661, a few members of the church in Guilford harbored a serious discontent with the government of the

New Haven Colony. A full account of the troubles is found in Steiner, *op. cit.*, pp. 100 ff. It is here necessary only to report that Thomas Steevens supported Dr. Bryan Rossiter, the chief dissenter, and that early in 1662 several men subscribed what Governor William Leete called "some offensive papers," and that both Thomas and William Steevens had signed them. Thomas was the man who had personally handed the papers to Governor Leete. At a trial in New Haven 7 May 1662 Thomas Steevens was made to confess "that he had done that which he ought not to have done, and should not have done, if he had given it thought, and that he had grieved the spirits of those among whom he lived."

Rossiter led a movement, in which both Steevens brothers participated, to go across the Hammonassett River to found a new town, at first called Kenelworth, later Killingworth, at the present site of the town of Clinton. John Steevens must have helped his sons in getting settled, clearing the land, and building new houses, for when he died, as it will be shown, he had personal property in both places.

A map of 1855, in conjunction with the Tercentenary (1939) list of old houses, indicates that the residence of Mrs. Grace H. Berryman was built by Stephen Spencer in 1726, incorporating an original chimney of John Collins, 1670 or earlier, where the Steevens house originally stood. It was located on the east side of Fair Street.

Nothing is known of the exact place of origin of John Steevens in England. Since there is no mention of a wife in Guilford, it appears that she died in England. The exact order of birth of the four children mentioned in his will is uncertain, but it might be supposed that the son John had remained in England because he was old enough to marry before 1639. The other boys, Thomas and William, are always mentioned in that order. Thomas was married by 1650, so born before 1630, and William was married in 1653. All of the chronology makes it likely that the father was born at least by 1600, and quite possibly earlier.

John Steevens had lived a full life when he wrote his will 27 August 1670. He died a few days later and was buried on 2 September 1670, according to the Guilford record in the Barbour collection in Hartford.

The will is here given in full from a reading of the microfilm copy of New Haven Probate Records Vol. I, Part II, pp. 36-37, as presently renumbered. The original will has not been preserved.

August the 27th Ano 1670

This writeing wittnesseth that I, John Stephens of Guilford, in the county of Newhaven in ye colony of Connecticutt in New England, being sicke & ill in body but of perfect mind and memory, --blessed be God: I doe leave this my last Will & Testament as followeth:

And first, I bequeath my soule into ye hands of Allmighty god yt gave it mee, & my body to ye dust to be decently buryed: And for the worldly goods that god hath given me.

first I give to my sonne Thomas Stephens the mare I usually ride on & my biggest brass kettle (& my meadow at the east river *del.*).

2 I give & bequeath to my sonne William Stephens all my housing and home lott, & my meadow at ye east river here in Guilford, he paying out of it twenty pounds, ten pound to my sonne John Stephens in old England, to be payd here in currant pay in New England, & ten pound to my daughter Mary Collins: Alsoe I give to my sonne Thomas Stephens my best sute & my cloake, & my bed & one payre of sheets & all my other bedding.

3rd I give five pound apiece to foure of my grandchildren, to wit: James & John, my son Thomas his sons, & John & Samuell the sons of my son William Stephens: ffurther I give to Mary Stephens daughter to my son Thomas a payre of sheets: and I give to judith Stephens the daughter of my son William a payre of sheets: And the rest of my estate to be divided in equall proportion betweene my son Thomas Stephens & my son William Stephens & my daughter Mary Collins, and I doe make my sonne Thomas Stephens sole executor & administrator of this my last Will & Testament, to pay all debts & gathering in dues

to the estate & to see that this my will bee faithfully discharged. To which I sett to my hand & /(page 37) seale this twenty seventh of August one thousand six hundred & seventy.

The marke of seal
John Stephens

Sealed and subscribed
in ye presence of William Johnson
William Seaward

The balance of page 37 of the probate record is filled with two long inventories, one taken 2 November at "Kellingworth" and the other on 6 November at Guilford. The homestead and lands which he still retained in Guilford were valued at £65, with the whole estate in excess of £126. The exact text is given in Appendix A, except for a few words which cannot be read.

Children born in England:

i. JOHN[2] STEEVENS remained in England: mentioned in his father's will. See Appendix B.

2. ii. THOMAS STEEVENS born before 1630.

3. iii. WILLIAM STEEVENS born about 1630.

iv. MARY STEEVENS married (1), perhaps in Guilford, HENRY KINGSNORTH, born Staplehurst, County Kent, England about 1618, buried Guilford 30 July 1668; married (2) in Branford 2 June 1669 (Guilford VR, A 67) JOHN COLLINS, who died Branford 10 December 1704. Mary died before 1700, when John Collins took as third wife Dorcas (Swain) Taintor. The children of John were all by his first wife, Mary Trowbridge, who died Guilford 1668. Henry and Mary (Steevens) Kingsnorth had no children, as proved by his will, which gave his estate to nephews in England, provided one of them came to America to claim it. Further details about Henry Kingsnorth are found in Appendix C.

SECOND GENERATION

2. THOMAS[2] STEEVENS *(John[1])* was born in England before 1630 and died at Killingworth 18 November 1685. He married, about 1650, MARY FLETCHER, born about 1630, living 26 August 1697, daughter of John and Mary (Ward) Fletcher of Milford.

The story of Thomas and William Steevens in Guilford has been given in the preceding section; the earliest record of them in Killingworth is found in a town book (LR 1-7) which records "fencing against the neck" on 15 February (16)64: #11 lists four "rodds" for Thomas and #26 six "rodds" for William. More fencing was mentioned in 1671. At a town meeting 12 February 1671 the mill was apprised to Thomas Steevens at £20 and the house lot and meadow at £20. On 4 March 1673 Thomas was chosen fence viewer and on 20 March he was elected to take the country list. One of the earliest deeds recorded (LR 1-39) was a sale 20 November 1676 by Thomas Steevens for good considerations to William Kelsey of a "peace" of land in the field commonly called the neck, 107 rods by 4½. It was also signed by "Mary Stevens Senior." Another deed of 7 April 1682 (LR 1-57) is a sale by Thomas to his brother William of a house lot by Indian River.

Thomas Steevens served twice as deputy for the town of Killingworth to the colonial government in Hartford. The first time was at the session of 11 May 1671; at his second appearance in 1683 he was referred to as "Sergt" Thomas; also in the marriage record of his son John in 1684.

The only original paper preserved in New London probate of Thomas Steevens (#5146-A), recorded in Book A page 120, is marked "Widdow Stevens's Acct ~~Jan~~ Sept. 18th 1700" *(sic)* and called "Distribution" by a recent hand. It actually consists of an accounting of items received by the various children between 1681 and 1699, originally dated 1688/9, but brought up to date before it was submitted to the court.

These items are: 1. Daniell Kelcy to "my mother Stevens, or my brother James Stevens, for...my legasy due to my wife from father Stevens estate"; 2. John Steevens to Brother James Stevens for legasey; 3. what Thomas Stevens received, mostly land, plus a gun, and by boarding with his mother (w)hen shee was a widow; 4. items paid to Edward Lee as part of "their portion", some of it paid by Timothy, and dated December 5, 1681 *(sic)*; 5. items received by Rebekah Ruttey before and in the year 1687, including £4 paid by Jonathan; 6. items received by Elizabeth Steevens dated December 24, 1686, plus one sheep from Mary Stevens Relique to James Stevens in the year 1699; 7. to Timothy Stevens two acres and halfe of medow at the hammaks, the rest of his portion to be in lands at the mill; 8. land set to Ebenezer Stevens; 9. land set to Jonathan Stevens towards the mill, at the landing place, in the planting field. The average value of each portion was about £15. John received his portion in money amounting to £16-16-06, while the other sons shared at least thirteen parcels of land.

A fuller list of the real estate is found in LR 2-85, dated 1 June 1686, but not recorded until 1710/11 (between 19 January and 3 March).

Another deed in LR 2-48 provides more information on all the heirs: Mary Stevens Senr, Mary Stevens Jr, Widdow, and James Steevens her son, John Steevens, Timothy Steevens, Jonathan Steevens, Edward Rutty with the consent of Rebeckah his wife, Edward Lee with the consent of Abigail his wife, and Nathan(iel) Chittenden with the consent of Elizabeth his wife, all of Killingworth and Gilford..for valuable consideration...sell and dispose...unto Ebenezer Steevens all their right in and the title to the house and home lott that formerly belonged to Thomas Steevens deceased, lying and being in the town of Killingworth...ten acres. It was written 28 February 1697 and witnessed by John Shether and Andrew Ward, with the signatures of all twelve grantees, who acknowledged their sale on 26 August 1697. It was recorded 20 September 1701.

The final reference to settlement is found in New London County Court Records 7-228: Mary Stevens of Kenlworth, widow of James deceased, gave an account of her husband's administration "but not producing receipts from the legatees hand ordered for September next to give each legatee chance to make application, if dissatisfied." This entry was indexed "estate of Thomas Stevens" and was probably dated June 1700. There was probably no protest, as no mention was made at the next court session. It appears that Mary widow of Thomas may have died by 1700, but there is no record of the death.

Children of Thomas[2] and Mary (Fletcher) Steevens, seven born in Guilford and six in Killingworth, but not all recorded:

4. i. JAMES[3] STEEVENS born 21 February 1651.

5. ii. MARY STEEVENS born about 1653.

6. iii. REBECCA STEEVENS born about 1655.

7. iv. SARAH STEEVENS born 25 January 1657/8.

8. v. JOHN STEEVENS born 10 March 1660/61.

9. vi. THOMAS STEEVENS born 21 February 1661/2.

10. vii. TIMOTHY STEEVENS born about 1664.

viii. JOSEPH STEEVENS (twin) born 23 April 1666, died before 21 September 1697, having "been gone diverse years and not heard of", having made a verbal will quoted in Holmes page 119, from a reference "I 26" which cannot be located, and is not in any court record.

There is a single entry in New London Court records 7-189, dated September 1697: "Ebenezer Steuens of Kenellworth presenting to this Court a Wrighting wherein his Brother Joseph Steeuens when he went to Sea Gaue A parcell of land to his Brother Jonathan and A parcell of meadow to His Brother Ebenezer Steuens. This Court orders the wrighting to be Recorded and the persons to whom the Land & meadow is Giuen take possession thereof vntill their brother comes and if he Returnes not then the Sayde Land and meadow to be to them and their heires for Euer." Joseph Steevens had no issue and probably died unmarried.

11. ix. ABIGAIL STEEVENS (twin) born 23 April 1666.

12. x. ELIZABETH STEEVENS born 14 July 1668.

xi. EBENEZER STEEVENS born 26 January 1670, died 13 November 1738 in his 68th year (GS Clinton) and date in inventory. He married at Killingworth 27 April 1698 JANE REDFIELD, died Killingworth 9 July 1752, unrecorded daughter of James Redfield of New London and sister of Theophilus Redfield of Killingworth. No issue. Abstracts of the wills of Ebenezer and Jane are in Appendix D.

xii. PHEBE STEEVENS born 21 February 1672; died 18 November 1685 at Killingworth.

13. xiii. JONATHAN STEEVENS born 2 June 1674 (Barbour) or 2 February 1675 (Talcott).

3. WILLIAM[2] STEEVENS *(John[1])* was born in England about 1630 and died in Killingworth on 26 February 1703/4 (date from inventory). He married, first, at Guilford 3 March 1653 MARY MEIGS, born at Weymouth, England 1633, died at Killingworth April "last day" 1703, daughter of John and Tamazin (Fry) Meigs. He married, second, at New London 24 November 1703 SARAH (HOUGH) CARPENTER, died after 7 March 1703/4, daughter of William and Sarah (Caulkins) Hough and widow of David Carpenter. The birth record of youngest daughter Mary in 1677 and the date of the second marriage in 1703 prove that Mrs. Holmes was wrong when she stated in her Genealogy that William's youngest child, Mary, was by this second wife.

Three deeds of William Steevens are found in the early land records of Killingworth. LR 1-58: William Steevens for natural affection to son Samuell part of my home lott which he has always made his and has set an house upon, "four acers more or less," 20 October 1682. LR 2-65: William Steevens to son Josiah land, dated 2 December 1701 and acknowledged 5 December "the above said William Steevens being by the providence of God burned on his right hand made this marke W." A similar deed in 2-71 orders the son to pay "my two daughters Judith Buell wife of Samuel Buell and Mary Harris wife of Joseph Harris ten pounds each."

The will of William Steevens is found in New London probate #5155, recorded in Book A page 238. It was dated 23 February 1704 and received 30 March 1704, signed by a mark which roughly forms WS. To wife Sarah £25 and board until May next; son Samuel and son Nathaniel, many details on land, Nathaniel to be administrator; other children "Josiah, judah buell, mary harris."

The witnesses were "Henary" Crane senior, John Griswold, Myles Harpour. The inventory gives the date of death as "the:26th:of FebrY:1703/4"; it totals £176..16..5 and bears the notation "children all of full age." A receipt was signed by widow Sarah Steevens 7 March 1703/4 and a mutual agreement of the heirs was dated 14 March 1703/4 and signed by Samuell Steevens, Nathaniel Steevens, Josiah Steevens, Samuell Buell in the behalf of my wife Judith, Joseph Harris in the behalf of my wife Mary.

Children of William[2] and Mary (Meigs) Steevens, four recorded in Guilford, three in Killingworth.

i. JOHN[3] STEEVENS born 3 March 1654, died before his father. He is said to have been killed in King Philip's War, but no record has been found except for the service of his cousin, John[3] *(Thomas[2])* Steevens.

14. ii. SAMUEL STEEVENS born March 1656 (Barbour) 1 March 1657 (Holmes Genealogy).

iii. NATHANIEL STEEVENS born 10 May 1659, died young.

15. iv. NATHANIEL STEEVENS born 29 October 1661.

v. DANIEL STEEVENS probably died unmarried between 1695 and 1704. See next page.

16. vi. JUDITH STEEVENS born 1 October 1668.

17. vii. JOSIAH STEEVENS born 19 December 1670 (Barbour), 8 December (Gen. and Talcott).

18. viii. MARY (Marcy in Barbour) STEEVENS born 2 November 1677.

Note: The clerks of Guilford brought with them from England a system of recording landed property in books called "terriers." The word is from mediaeval Latin *terrarius liber*, and indicates a sort of inventory of real estate. These books have the name of DANIEL STEEVENS, who does not appear in any other source record. The following entry is found in Guilford LR, book 2 of Terriers, page 78: "A terrier of the land of Daniell Stephens as followeth layd out December the 6th 1695 on hamanosset plains... 21 acres more or less, and another piece of 18 acres." Fortunately, later sale of some of this land shows where Daniel must belong in the Steevens family. Guilford LR 2-139: "Josiah Steevens of Killingworth to Nathaniel Steevens of Guilford for divers good causes all my right to land lying on Hamanaset plains laid out to my brother Daniel Steevens deceased, 31 acres, dated 24 April 1716." The grantee in this transaction must be Nathaniel #65, since the brother of Josiah named Nathaniel had died in 1709. The sale was delayed until Nathaniel, Jr. reached his majority.

In both documents the name Daniel is clear. The only possible conclusion is that William[2] Steevens had a son Daniel who went to Guilford with Nathaniel, and who would have been at least 21 years of age in 1695. Daniel had died before the date of his father's will and left no issue. There is easily room for Daniel about 1664-65, and his birth might have missed being recorded because it occurred during the period when his parents were moving from Guilford to Killingworth. Daniel is not listed in any previous Steevens genealogies.

THIRD GENERATION

4. JAMES[3] STEEVENS *(Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford 21 February 1651 and died at sea before 21 May 1699, (date of inventory) "went to sea in the year:1695: and as yeat not heard off." He married about 1673 MARY ----, probably MARY WAKELEE, daughter of Henry Wakelee and wife Sarah (Burk) (Gregory) Wakelee of Stratford. Cf. Donald L. Jacobus, *Families of Old Fairfield* I 628. Henry Wakelee's will refers to daughter Mary Stevens. Mary, widow of James Steevens, died at Killingworth 30 April 1729 (date in inventory).

James Steevens had served as administrator of his father's estate, and had not completed administration when he went away. Probate of his own estate consists only of an inventory taken 21 May 1699 by Henry Crane, Sr. and John Griswold, recorded in 1702, New London probate #5149, Book A page 184. The total estate was valued at £240-10, including £70 for house, barn, home lot, and three acres, some pieces at "the homock", and half of a corn mill. "The names and ages of the Children

Mary Steevens	28
James	26
Hannah	24
Sarah	22
Patience	18
Mercy	17"

Mary Stevens, widow and relict of James, took oath at Prerogative Court September 16:1702.

Administration on widow Mary Steevens was granted to James "only son," and inventory was taken 27 November 1729, showing personal estate valued at £39-16-1. Other details found in the Guilford probate are mentioned under the account of daughter Mercy below. A division dated 4 November 1731 lists the five daughters in order of age.

Children of James[3] and Mary (Wakelee) Steevens recorded in Killingworth without the mother's name:

19. i. MARY[4] STEEVENS born 3 December 1674.

20. ii. JAMES STEEVENS born 7 October 1676 (Barbour) 11 (Talcott) October 1676.

21. iii. HANNAH STEEVENS born 8 April 1679.

22. iv. SARAH STEEVENS born 20 January 1680 (probably 1680/81).

23. v. PATIENCE STEEVENS born 24 April 1683.

vi. MERCY (Marcey in Barbour) STEEVENS born 7 March 1684/5, living 4 September 1746 when she gave a deed in Killingworth (LR 7-229). She married at Killingworth 19 August 1728 THOMAS TURNEY. Probably no issue. He was possibly son of Ananias Turnary, one of the original settlers of Killingworth, although Donald L. Jacobus in *Families of Old Fairfield* I 619 suggests that he was son of Joseph Turney of Fairfield and New Haven. Thomas gave a receipt for cost of maintenance of Mercy's mother from 19 August 1728 to 2 May 1729. Thomas and Mercy were accused by her brother James of concealing a written instrument of agreement, of which they admitted possession.

5. MARY[3] STEEVENS *(Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford about 1653 and died in Killingworth between 1683 and 1693. She married in Killingworth 27 March 1672 DANIEL KELSEY, who was born in Hartford 6 July 1650 and died in Killingworth 5 June 1727, son of William Kelsey. He married, second, about 1692 Jane Chalker, by whom he had five more children. Jane died in Killingworth 20 March (VR) or 26 October (GR) 1742. This family name is commonly written Kelcey in the earliest records. A full biography with abstract of Daniel Kelsey's will may be found in E. A. Claypool and Azalea Clizbee, *Genealogy of the Descendants of William Kelsey* (New Haven 1928) I 55 ff. This Genealogy, now in three volumes, has been studied for the numerous interconnections with the Steevens family, and has been verified in most cases.

Children of Daniel and Mary[3] (Steevens) Kelsey recorded in Killingworth:

24. i. WILLIAM[4] KELSEY born 3 March 1673/4.

25. ii. DANIEL KELSEY born 2 June 1677.

26. iii. MARY KELSEY born 12 August 1679.

27. iv. ABIGAIL KELSEY born 5 February 1682.

28. v. HEZEKIAH KELSEY born 8 December 1683.

6. REBECCA[3] STEEVENS *(Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford about 1665 and died in Killingworth 26 February 1736/7 (VR), 27 February (inv.). She married in Killingworth 6 May 1678 EDWARD RUTTY, who died there 1 May 1714. Edward was one of the first settlers of Killingworth before 1678, and may have been born in England. There is no published account of the Rutty family.

Administration bond on Edward Rutty, deceased, recorded in New London probate book B page 87, was signed 9 August 1714 by Edward Rutty, with John Wright as surety. Inventory taken 17 June 1714 by John Shether, John Nettleton, Ebenezer Stevens, gives the date of death as "May the first 1714" and values the estate at £141-16-07, including £46 for house and home lot, and £26-08 for division land at Parkers Horse Pound Hill. No distribution was made at that time.

Administration on Rebecca Rutty, widow, was granted to her eldest son, Edward Rutty, 21 March 1737/8 (Guilford probate) with date of death given as 27 February 1736/7. Distribution of the balance of the personal estate was made on 4 April 1738 to the following, exact relationships not specified: Edward Rutty, Daniel Post, John Carter, George Hull, Thomas Rutty, Abigail Chittenden, Hanna Baldwin, and Rebecca Steevens.

Children of Edward and Rebecca[3] (Steevens) Rutty, recorded in Killingworth:

29. i. MARY[4] RUTTY born 16 February 1678/9.

30. ii. EDWARD RUTTY born 27 August 1680.

31. iii. REBECCA RUTTY born 8 April 1685.

32. iv. PHEBE RUTTY born 23 April 1687.

v. SARAH RUTTY born 8 January 1689, died in Killingworth 2 February 1755. She may have married (1) as third wife in Killingworth 29 December 1729 JOHN NETTLETON, born Killingworth 29 January 1694, son of John and Sarah (Woodmansee) Nettleton. She certainly married before 11 April 1738 JOHN CARTER, for on that date he gave a receipt for her share of her mother's estate. He had an earlier wife Sarah Nettleton, and a third wife Abigail -----,

who was mentioned in his will 11 January 1769, proved 4 September 1770. Sarah (Rutty) Carter made her will (Guilford probate) 31 December 1754 and it was sworn 19 February 1755. She divided her land among seven heirs: brother Thomas Rutty, husband John Carter, heirs of sister Mary Post, dec., heirs of sister Pheaby Hull, dec., heirs of sister Rebeckah Farnum, dec., sister Abigale Chitenden, and Josiah Carter (probably her husband's nephew). The inventory, taken 21 April 1755, included four pieces of land in Saybrook and Killingworth, valued at £1240. Division was made before 28 April 1755, when the heirs sold their shares to John Carter by deed (LR 8-509). Those who signed were: Thomas Rutty, Benjamin and Hannah Turner, Abraham and Rebeckah Steevens, George Hull ye 2d, John and Elizabeth Griswold, all of Killingworth, Samuel and Phebe Graves of Guilford, Daniel Post, Benjamin Post, Isaac Post of Saybrook "for inheritance by will from our sister and aunt Sarah Carter of Killingworth, dec." Cornelius and Abigail Chittenden gave a separate deed at the same time (LR 8-511). The three Posts were sons of Mary (Rutty) Post #29; Elizabeth Griswold, George Hull, and Phebe Graves were children of Phebe (Rutty) Hull #32; Hannah Turner and Rebeckah Steevens were daughters of Rebecca (Rutty) Farnum #31. Sarah's brother Edward Rutty was not mentioned in his sister's will, although he was living.

vi. THOMAS RUTTY born 7 July 1691, living 9 November 1738, when he gave a receipt for share in his mother's estate, and 28 April 1755, when he sold inheritance from his sister Sarah Carter. He is not known to have married, and there is no probate of his estate.

vii. ABIGAIL RUTTY born 15 February 1695/6, died 14 June 1771, aged 86. She married in Guilford 30 January 1734 CORNELIUS CHITTENDEN, born Guilford 1685, died there 13 February 1774, aged 90, son of Nathaniel and Sarah Chittenden. No issue.

7. SARAH[3] STEEVENS *(Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford 25 January 1657/8 and died there before her husband. She married in Guilford 18 April 1678 STEPHEN DODD, born in Bradford 16 February 1655, died in Guilford 26 October 1691, son of Daniel and Mary Dodd. He lived for a while from 1667 in Newark, New Jersey. An account of the family, not quite complete, is found in *Genealogy and History of the Daniel Dod Family in America*, by Allison Dodd and Joseph F. Fulsom (Bloomfield, New Jersey 1940) pp. 6 ff. The genealogy errs in stating that Sarah lived after her husband's death, as proved by his will, which shows that he must have had another wife after Sarah. The family name is always written Dod in the early records.

The nuncupative will of Stephen Dodd is recorded in New Haven probate volume 2, pp. 101-102 and gives one-half of his estate to each son. It also says that the wedding gown of "his last deceased wife" should go to her sister Anne Fowler. His estate was inventoried on 3 November 1691 at £337.09.05.

Children of Stephen and Sarah[3] (Steevens) Dodd, probably born in Guilford:

33. i. DANIEL[4] DODD born 1679.

34. ii. SAMUEL DODD.

8. JOHN[3] STEEVENS *(Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford 10 March 1660 and died in Killingworth probably in 1722. He married in Killingworth 28 April 1684 ABIGAIL COLE, born in Middletown 28 October 1664, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Rusco) Cole, who later moved to Wallingford. The actual record in LR 1-67 (65) reads: "John Stevens son of Sariant Thomas Stevens and Abigall Coole ware married:the:29th: of April 1684." Abigail married, second, before 21 March 1722/3 John French, Sr. of East Guilford (now Madison), whose first wife, Mary Sheather, born 21 July 1652, died 19 April 1721, age 67. John was the son of Thomas and Mary (Button) French, and died 28 December 1727, age 75 (gravestones for John and Mary French in West Cemetery, Madison). There is no mention of Abigail in the administration papers of John French.

The name of "John Stephens" appears in two lists, pp. 443 and 445 of Bodge, *Soldiers in King Philip's War*, as drawing lots in Voluntown for service, not marked deceased. The deed of sale in Voluntown LR 1-156 proves that John Steevens, son of Thomas, served in 1675 or 1676, when he was barely 16 years of age. "John Steevens one of the volunteers in the Indian Wars has an equal right granted by the General Court of Connecticut...sold for £5-10 to David Robinson of Guilford all my right and privilege to above said land dated 11 January 1697/8 and sworn before Henry Crane commissioner, witnessed by John and Martha Crane, recorded 6 April 1723." Signature copied as "Steephens."

John Steevens had his cattle mark registered 23 November 1685 (LR 1-84): "a hole in the off yeare and a slit in the near year on the top of the year." He sold a piece of upland meadow to Augustine Williams on 6 September 1688 (LR 1-130).

There are two deeds from John Steevens to Joseph Kelsey in 1705 (LR 2-18 and 19). The second was also signed with the mark of Abigail Steevens. Several entries in LR 1-142 have land recorded to John Steevens: a part of his father's legacy and ordered to be recovered by his brother James Steevens, being administrator to his father's estate-- 7 acres upland on the highway that goes to the mill, also on the long hill half of the lot that was his father's, 5 acres bounds north on Joseph Steevens; also half the meadow on the east side of town that was his father's, 1 3/4 acres; 61½ acres of upland above the head of the hogg plaine, surveyed 8 February 1708/9; three acres upland on the north side of manunqueteset river against James Steevens' land, surveyed 6 July 1713.

Finally, a deed which is important for the identity of more than one John Steevens is found in LR 3-7, an indenture dated 14 April 1715 from John Steevens of Killingworth "cordwinder" to John Steevens of Killingworth "blacksmith," 60 acres which bounds John Hull, signed "John Stevens Sener." As proved by the signature and by the occupation mentioned in the 1723 inventory of John Steevens, husband of Abigail Cole, it is clear that the elder John was the cordwinder, which is an old spelling for "cordwainer," the old term for "shoemaker." "Cordwain" is related to "cordovan," thus any worker in leather. In this deed it is to be noted that the grantor does not call the grantee his son. For the identity of John the blacksmith, see discussion under #60.

The estate of John Steevens of Killingworth is found in Guilford probate district, and consists of four papers:
1. a request to the court to have administration granted on the estate in order to pay the creditors;
2. an order from the court to the widow and three of the sons to appear and take administration, or to have it granted to the creditors;
3. bond of Ebenezer Steevens Jr. as administrator (using the "Jr." to distinguish from his uncle Ebenezer Steevens);
4. an inventory which includes only a sizable piece of woodland.

The exact date of the death of John Steevens has not been preserved, but the first request was made on 19 March 1722/3, at which time the widow was already married to John French senior of Guilford, so that the death would appear to have occurred six to twelve months earlier. Here follows a complete transcript of three of the papers, with an abstract of the bond:

1. To James Hooker ESQ^{r} Judge of the Probatt at Guilford Sir these may Informe your worshipe, that John Steevens Late of Kilingworth deceased dyed Intestate and hath Left an Estate in Lands which it is sopposed may be worth.60.pounds or better which s^{d} Steevens when he dyed Left under a mortgage for the Sume of Six pounds and it is concluded said Estate is Indebted.30.or.40:pounds we the subscribers therfore being Creditters to s^{d} Estate would humblie Intreat the Honoured Court of probatt in Guilford would be pleised to take some proper meathods that so the honist creditters to s^{d} Estate might not be defrauded of their just right and due from s^{d} Estate.

datted in Kilingworth march y^{e}.19th.1722/3.

Abra^{m} Pierson
Joseph Kelcey
John Shether

2. (front) To Abigail Wife of John French of East Guilford in the County of Newhaven, Late Widow & Relick of John Steevens Late of Killingworth in the County of Newlondon Dec^{d} Joseph Steevens Ebenezer Steevens William Steevens Sons of the sd John Steevens & to all other the Children of the sd Dec^{d} Whereas Sundry of the Creditors of the Estate of sd Dec^{d} have Informed the Court of Probates held in Guilford this 19th Day of March A.D. 1722/3 that the sd John Steevens died Intestate and that administration is not Granted upon sd Estate whereby they are held out of their Just Debts.
These are therefore to Notifie you that you May appear at the Court of Probates to be held in Guilford on the Third Tuesday of Aprill next & Take administration on sd Estate or otherwise administration May be granted to one of the Principal Creditors to sd Estate.
Per order of Court Signed Per Sam^{ll} Hill Clerk

2. (back) the within Notification was Red in the hearing of the within named Abigiel frentch on the 21 day of march 1722/3 by me

Nathan Noah Bradly
Constable

the within Notification was Red in the hering of the within mencned Joseph Stevens and Ebenezer Stevens and William Stevens this 2 day of Abrar (blot) 1723 by me

John Shether
Constable

3. bond of Ebenezer Steevens Jun^{r} of Killingworth with Samuel Dod and Benjamin Everest of Guilford as sureties in the amount of Two hundred pounds dated sixteenth day of Aprill 1723
as administrator of...John Steevens late of Killingworth dec.
to render an inventory before the Third Tuesday of September next...and an Accompt of Administration before Third Tuesday of Aprill next 1724. Acknowledged before Sam^{ll} Hill Clerk Aprill 16th. 1723 and signed by

Ebenezer Steevens
Sam^{l} Dod
beniamen Everest

4. An inventory of the Estate of John Steevens Cordwinder Late of Killingworth Des^{t} taken by us whose names are underwritten being there unto apointed & sworn, this 16th day of September 1723=

Imprimis sixty acres & three quarters of woods land at 16 ^{s} p^{r} acre 48 $^{£}$ = 12 ^{s} - 00 ^{d} - - 48 $^{£}$ = 12 ^{s} = 00 ^{d}

Ebenezar Steevens
Edward Rutty
John Kelcey

Ebenezer Steevens adm^{r} Sworn in Court
Test Sam^{ll} Hill Clerk

The settlement of inherited rights within the family has been found in three deeds recorded in Killingworth. These are so important for the identification of later residences of some of the sons that they are here quoted at length. The first is from Joseph, William, Dosithaus, Abigail, and Phebe to Ebenezer and Henry; the second is from Peter to Henry; the third is from Ebenezer and Henry, who now owned all the rights, to Charles Haselton.

1. LR 5-45,46: (Entered 10 May) 1735. Know all men by these presents that we Joseph Steevens William Steevens Timythy Chitenden and dosithius Chitenden all of Killingworth...and Isaac Doude and Abigail Doude and phebe Steevens of Gilford ...for a valluable consideration to us in hand paid before the ensealeing hereof by our Brothers Ebenezer and Henry Steevens of Fairfield...quit-claim unto them the sd Ebenezer Steevens and Henry Steevens their heirs and assigns forever all the right title "intrest" claim and demand which we ever had now have or which use our heirs or assigns in time to come can may might should or in any wise ought to have or claim of in or to all the land or right of land divided or undivided within the Township of Killingworth aforesd, which did belong to or in any wise appertaineth to the Estate of our Honrd father John Steevens Deceased To have and to hold... this 14th Day of may anno Dom^{i} 1726

(sig) Joseph Steevens
William Steevens
Timothy Chitenden
Dosithius her mark Chitenden
Phebe her mark Steevens

witnessed by David Buell and Matthius Kelcey, acknowledged at Killingworth May 14, 1730 by all five signers before David Buell, j.p.

2. LR 4-232: Peter Steevens of South Kingstown, Kings co., province of Rhode Island, weaver... for a valuable consideration...quitclaim to my brother Henry Steevens of Fairfield all my right title and interest....to the estate of our Honoured father John Steevens deceased... Dated 26 May 1732 and witnessed by Robert Hannah, j.p. and Nathan Niles, acknowledged same day at South Kingstown, recorded in Killingworth May 29, 1732.

3. LR 5-77: Ebn^{r} Steevens and "Heny" Steevens both of the Town and County of Fairfield...for the sum of £190...quitclaim to Charles Haselton of Killingworth all the land that belongs to us in Killingworth...the undivided land contains 95 acres as it was laid out originally to the estate of our Honoured father John Steevens deceased, dated 6 May VIII King George 2 (1735), signed by Ebenezer Steevens and Henry Steevens and witnessed by And^{r} Burr and Sarah Burr, acknowledged same day in Fairfield and recorded in Killingworth May 10, 1735.

Children of John[3] and Abigail (Cole) Steevens born in Killingworth (mother's name not in record):

i. PHEBE[4] STEEVENS born 18 January 1684 (Barbour), 1685 (Talcott); died on 4 November 1688.

ii. PETER STEEVENS born 21 February 1686 (Barbour), 1687 (Talcott); married in South Kingstown, R.I. 1 September 1728 MERCY (MARY in Arnold) COTTRELL. He was there by June 1727 when the Town Council ordered that "Petter Stephens shall forthwith depart out of this town," but he must have put up bonds in order to remain. In deed book 3-337 Peter and Mercy Stephens of South Kingstown for £20 paid by Joseph Phillips conveyed a parcel of ten acres, bounded westerly on Mumford's Mill river, northerly on land of John Cottrell, easterly on land of Thomas Hopkins and southward by land of Stephen Cottrell, conveyed 6 April 1730 as an estate of inheritance in fee

simple, witnessed by Elizabeth Babcock and Isaac Shelden. Mercy was quite possibly daughter of Gershom and Bethiah (Wilcox) Cottrell, both of whom died in 1711. Their daughter Mercy is the only one known in the family. There is no record of Peter and his wife after the 1732 deed quoted above.

iii. JOHN STEEVENS born 29 December 1689, not mentioned in settlement of his father's estate. See discussion under John Steevens #60.

35. iv. JOSEPH STEEVENS born 27 July 1693.

36. v. EBENEZER STEEVENS born 27 September (Barbour), 1 September (Talcott) 1695.

vi. DOSITHAUS STEEVENS (daughter) (DORITHEA in Talcott) born 8 October 1697; married Killingworth 14 February 1721/2 her cousin TIMOTHY[4] CHITTENDEN (see #53).

vii. HENRY STEEVENS born 11 October 1699; living with his brother Ebenezer in Fairfield at least from 1726 to 1735, and found in Dutchess County, New York later. See tax lists under #36. Not known to have married, but he well may have done so.

37. viii. WILLIAM STEEVENS born 24 September 1701.

38. ix. ABIGAIL STEEVENS born 3 October 1704.

x. PHEBE STEEVENS born 2 May 1706, living in Guilford 1726, unmarried. No further record.

9. THOMAS[3] STEEVENS *(Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford 21 February 1661/2 and died in Killingworth 1 December 1703 (date in inventory). He married, first, in Killingworth 3 June 1686 (Barbour) 9 June 1686 (Talcott and Holmes) HANNAH EVARTS, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Dowd) Evarts, who died in 1687 without issue. He married, second, in Guilford 9 November 1688 SARAH BUSHNELL, born Guilford 17 September 1668, died Killingworth 4 February 1691, daughter of John and Sarah (Scranton) Bushnell. He married, third, by 1696 DEBORAH ----, who was mentioned in the administration of his estate, but died before settlement 10 November 1710.

The estate of Thomas Steevens is found in New London probate #5152, recorded in A-314, 498, 499, C-213. The first inventory was dated 26 December 1703 on Thomas Steevens "late of Kenelworth who desesed the first day of this instant December," including house and 18¼ acres of upland valued at £84, also "one third of his father's medow as it is devided to him with his Brothers;" taken by John Crane, Timothy Stevens, Jonathan Stevens. Children and their ages listed as Thomas 14 years, Deborah 09, Abell 05, Sarah 03, Hannah 9 months. Sworn by Deborah Stevens the widow 6 July 1705. A new inventory was taken 10 November 1710 "the widow and relict also being deceased," sworn by Ebenezer Stevens "brother to deceased." Again children listed as Deborah 16, Able 12, Sarah 9, Hannah 7. Ebenezer Steevens signed bond as administrator 14 November 1710 with William Barber as surety. Division of the estate was made 18 January 1712/13 and receipts were signed by Deborah 16 March 1714, Abel and Sarah 15 May 1719 (Abel had a double portion), Hannah 30 October 1721. This division was not recorded until 13 June 1727. Note the clear evidence that Thomas Junior had died between 1703 and 1710.

Child of Thomas[3] and Sarah (Bushnell) Steevens, born in Guilford:

i. THOMAS[4] STEEVENS born 7 August 1689, died between 1703 and 1710, unmarried, as proved by probate above and by the fact that Abel was eldest surviving son in 1710. See discussion under Thomas #45.

Children of Thomas[3] and Deborah Steevens, born in Killingworth:

ii. DEBORAH STEEVENS born 28 March 1697; married in Killingworth 25 March 1714 her first cousin JOSEPH[4] STEEVENS (see #35).

39. iii. ABEL STEEVENS born 18 February 1698.

40. iv. SARAH STEEVENS born 15 December 1700.

v. HANNAH STEEVENS born 21 January 1703; married, first, in Killingworth on 24 November 1725 NATHAN KELSEY, born Killingworth 28 August 1702, died there 6 August 1751, son of John and Phebe (Crane) Kelsey. He was a captain in military service 1745 and deputy to the General Assembly 1750-51. His widow Hannah administered his estate, which was divided to his nine brothers and sisters. She married, second, in Killingworth 14 November 1754 (CR) SOLOMON DAVIS. No issue.

10. TIMOTHY[3] STEEVENS *(Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford about 1664 and died in Killingworth 21 February 1711/12 (date in inventory). He married about 1696 MARY ----, living 23 November 1728; she married, second, before 20 May 1717 Thomas Stallen or Stuallen of New London, Saybrook, and Killingworth.

The estate of Timothy Steevens is found in New London probate #5154 and recorded in A-619 and 655. Inventory was taken 21 March 1712 and totals £162.15.0, including £60 for house, barn, home lot, and land adjoining. The date of death was mentioned as 21 February 1711/12 and the children, all minors, were listed: Timothy aged 15 years on 21 March 1712, Mary 14, Phebe 12, David 9, Abraham 7, Abigail 5, Thomas 2, Martha 2 months. This list is important, since the children were not recorded, and baptisms for the period are lost. The widow Mary Stevens asked in June 1712 that allowance be made to her "as she is in difficult circumstances"; Captain John Griswold signed administration bond 10 June 1712. Division was recorded 30 January 1712/13 to the widow and eight children, listing the four sons and four daughters, each sex in order of age. One right of land was located in Durham. Numerous receipts were signed 20 May 1717, but not recorded until 1734: by Thomas Stualen and Mary his wife of Saybrook for the thirds (proving that the widow had remarried), by Mary Steevens, by Ebenezer Steevens as guardian for David, Abraham, Thomas, and Abigail, and by George Hull as guardian for Phebe.

Thomas Stuallen and Mary his wife of Killingworth for a valuable sum deeded to Daniel Griswold of Killingworth "all our right in the estate of Timothy Steevens of Killingworth by maryes being guardein to one or more of the heirs" 23 November 1728 (LR 4-145).

The estate of David Steevens "who died 22 November 1730" is found in Guilford probate. Brothers Timothy and Abraham requested their "honnoured unckell" Ebenezer Steevens to administer for them and his bond was dated 6 January 1730/31. David owned a dwelling house and land rights and clothing valued at £72=05=03. Balance of the estate was distributed 20 July 1731 to the brothers and sisters: Timothy Steevens, Abraham Steevens, Thomas Steevens, Mary Rider, Pheby Tooley, Abigail Steevens, Martha Steevens.

Children of Timothy[3] and Mary Steevens, born in Killingworth, (dates from ages in probate):

41. i. TIMOTHY[4] STEEVENS born 1697.

42. ii. MARY STEEVENS born 1698.

iii. PHEBE STEEVENS born 1700, married after 1717 JOHN TOOLEY, probably born Killingworth 23 July 1697, son of Christopher Tooley, one of the original settlers of Killingworth. No evidence of issue.

iv. DAVID STEEVENS born 1703, died Killingworth 22 November 1730, unmarried. See administration above.

43. v. ABRAHAM STEEVENS born 1705.

44. vi. ABIGAIL STEEVENS born 1707.

45. vii. THOMAS STEEVENS born 1710.

46. viii. MARTHA STEEVENS born January 1712.

11. ABIGAIL[3] STEEVENS *(Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 23 April 1666 and died in Guilford in August 1727. She married in Guilford about 1688, as second wife, EDWARD LEE, who had come to Guilford about 1675 and married, first, Elizabeth Wright, by whom he had two children. He died in April 1727. Information on this family is found in Ralph D. Smyth, "Descendants of Edward and John Lee of Guilford, Connecticut," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 53 (1899) 53-58.

Children of Edward and Abigail[3] (Steevens) Lee, born in Guilford:

i. MARY[4] LEE born 4 July 1689, died unmarried 9 June 1752. She is not in the Barbour collection, and Talcott does not have her death record.

47. ii. SARAH LEE born 27 February 1691 (Barbour), 21 (Talcott), 26 (Genealogy).

48. iii. LEMUEL LEE born 1 December 1693.

49. iv. THOMAS LEE born 16 August 1696.

50. v. EBENEZER LEE born 25 February 1698/9.

51. vi. ABIGAIL LEE born 9 May 1700.

12. ELIZABETH[3] STEEVENS *(Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 14 July 1668 and died there 15 November 1738, aged 70 years. She married about 1690 NATHANIEL CHITTENDEN, born Guilford 10 August 1669, son of Nathaniel and Sarah Chittenden. There is no record of his death, and no probate for either Nathaniel or Elizabeth. This family is found on page 17 of Alvan Talcott, *Chittenden Family, William of Guilford, Connecticut and his Descendants* (New Haven 1882).

Children of Nathaniel and Elizabeth[3] (Steevens) Chittenden recorded in Killingworth:

52. i. PHEBE[4] CHITTENDEN born 23 January 1691.

53. ii. TIMOTHY CHITTENDEN born 19 August 1694.

54. iii. ELIZABETH CHITTENDEN born 7 March 1698/9.

55. iv. NATHANIEL CHITTENDEN born 6 June 1701.

13. JONATHAN[3] STEEVENS *(Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 2 February 1674 (1675 Talcott) and died there 2 June 1746. He married about 1710 DEBORAH STILES, born Stratford January 1682/3, died Killingworth between 27 February 1748/9, and 27 March 1749, daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Palmer) Stiles.

Jonathan Steevens had several pieces of land laid out to him by the town from 1707 through the early part of 1714. Then by May 1714 he had sold all of his land in Killingworth (some with dower of wife Deborah) (LR 2-157 and 158) and moved to Stratford. One final piece of land in Killingworth, 48 acres, was sold to Jonathan Wilcocks on 20 December 1714 by "Jonathan Steevens of Stratford, county of Fairfield." (LR 2-173) Zechariah Blakeman of Stratford for £150 sold to Jonathan "Stephens" of Killingworth several parcels of land and meadow in Fairfield 5 May 1714 (Stratford LR 2 (part 1) 183). Jonathan sold some of this land to Joseph Birdsey 15 April 1717 (*ibid.* 321), but his final sale before returning to Killingworth has not been located. In all he spent about eight years in Fairfield county, probably near his wife's relatives. During this period there is an entry in Woodbury VR that Ebenezer son of Jonathan and Deborah Steevens was born 15 October 1719 (18 October in Orcutt's *History of Stratford*). It is entirely possible that the Ebenezer recorded in Killingworth had died young, and that this was a second child of the name, but this is not found in any previous Steevens Genealogy. There is no record of the age at death of Ebenezer #57, but his wife was born in 1721 and they were married in 1742, so he could have been born in 1719. Jonathan returned to Killingworth for good in 1722 and bought land of his brother Ebenezer, 37 acres on Roastmeat Hill, 4 April 1722 (LR 3-112). Jonathan was then styled "late of Ripton, county of Fairfield, now of Killingworth." Ripton was the original name of the parish of Huntington, now called Shelton, originally part of Stratford.

The will of Jonathan Steevens in Guilford probate was dated 22 June 1743 and proved 11 June 1746, full text in Holmes, Appendix 120-121. Wife Deborah to be executrix and serve with Captain Elnathan Steevens, three sons Jonathan, Ebenezer, and Stiles, with much detail on land.

The will of widow Deborah Steevens in Guilford probate, dated 27 February 1748/9 and proved 27 March 1749, full text in Holmes, Appendix 122-123, appoints son Stiles to be executor and in addition to the three sons mentions granddaughters Deborah, daughter of Ebenezer, and Chloe, daughter of Stiles, grandsons Jonathan and Roswell.

Children of Jonathan[3] and Deborah (Stiles) Steevens recorded in Killingworth (except the third in Woodbury):

56. i. JONATHAN[4] STEEVENS born 3 July 1711.

ii. EBENEZER STEEVENS born 4 April 1713, probably died young.

57. iii. EBENEZER STEEVENS born 15 or 18 October 1719.

58. iv. STILES STEEVENS born 26 June 1723.

14. SAMUEL[3] STEEVENS *(William[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford 1 March 1656 (probably 1656/7) and died in Killingworth before 10 June 1712, when inventory of his estate was taken. Samuel married, first, ELIZABETH -------, who died in Killingworth 30 May 1701. She was called widow Hill in the Torrey mss. at New England Historic Genealogical Society, but there is no reference. He married, second, about 1702 MELETIAH (BRADFORD) STEELE, born in Plymouth, Massachusetts 1 November 1664, living Killingworth 24 April 1739, daughter of Major William and Alice (Richards) Bradford, granddaughter of Governor William Bradford of the *Mayflower*, and widow of John Steele, who died in Hartford 6 March 1697/8. Her son Ebenezer Steele lived in Killingworth, but returned to Hartford after his marriage. (For details of Melatiah Bradford's Steevens Children see Appendix D).

Settlement of the estate of Samuel Steevens is found in New London probate #5151 and begins with an undated request of the widow Melatiah for administration for herself and "son in law" (i.e. step-son) John Stevens. John signed a bond 10 June 1712 and Meletiah signed with a mark 12 August 1712. At the same time an inventory, taken 7 July 1712 by John Shethar, John Nettleton, and Peter Ward, was recorded. When some of the surviving children were minors, it was a custom of the New London probate court to record the ages of all the children, males listed first. The list printed on page 123 of Mrs. Holmes' book contains one significant error, and so is reprinted here correctly:

The ages of the children

John Stevens	aged 27 years
Sam[ll] "	- - - 25
William	- - - - 6
Temperance	- - 29
Tamison	- - 22
Mary	- - 16
Elizabeth	- - 9

The correct age of William Steevens, youngest son, is important in the identification of his later career (see #64).

The administration account was signed by Melatiah 4 June 1713 and by John on 13 April 1714. It lists over £24 in personal estate, and there are many trial figures on both sides of the sheet. One entry is of special interest: "An accompt of what Temprance reserved as poursoun when she was married Agust ye 20=1709." It is very unusual for a marriage record to be preserved only in the probate papers of a parent. Temperance and her husband later released her interest in the estate by deed dated 4 August 1722 (LR 3-124). See #59.

Melatiah Stevens received several grants of land from the town, sometimes with her son William. The latest sale of such a grant is found in Killingworth LR 6-270, dated 24 April 1739, which is the last date on which she is known to have been living. She was then in her 75th year.

Children of Samuel[3] and Elizabeth Steevens, ages as in the inventory:

59. i. TEMPERANCE[4] STEEVENS born 1683.

60. ii. JOHN STEEVENS born 1685.

61. iii. SAMUEL STEEVENS born 1687.

iv. TAMISEN STEEVENS born 1690, living 1712 aged 22.

62. v. MARY STEEVENS born 1696.

Children of Samuel[3] and Meletiah (Bradford) (Steele) Steevens:

63. vi. ELIZABETH STEEVENS born 1703.

64. vii. WILLIAM STEEVENS born Killingworth, probably 2 February 1705/6 (an impossible year 1715/6 is found in the Barbour collection.)

15. NATHANIEL[3] STEEVENS *(William[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford 29 October 1661 and died 22 October 1709, aged 48 years, gravestone on the North Wall of Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven, formerly in the Old Cemetery on New Haven Green. He died while serving as a lieutenant in Queen Anne's War. He married SARAH -------, who died 24 May 1746 in her 94th year (Guilford VR and gravestone in West Cemetery, Madison).

Since Nathaniel Steevens had no probate settlement, and his children were not recorded, the following deed is the only proof of the names of the children and of the marriages of the daughters: (Guilford LR 2-140) "Covenanted, concluded, and agreed upon 15 December 1716 between Nathaniel Steevens of Guilford, Stephen Bishop Jr. and Sarah his wife of Guilford, and John Grave Jr. and Elizabeth his wife of Guilford (the said Nathaniel, Sarah, and Elizabeth being the children and heirs of Lt. Nathaniel Steevens of Guilford deceased) touching...that part of the estate of sd. Nathaniel deceased which is to remain in the hand and possession of Sarah, widow and relick of Nathaniel Steevens during her life." Then follows agreement on division, acknowledged same day, and signed by all five.

Children of Nathaniel[3] and Sarah Steevens, born in Guilford, but not recorded:

65. i. SARAH[4] STEEVENS born before 1690.

66. ii. NATHANIEL STEEVENS born about 1693.

67. iii. ELIZABETH STEEVENS born about 1694.

16. JUDITH[3] STEEVENS *(William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 1 October 1668 and died there 31 October 1732. Her name was commonly spelled Judeth. She married about 1686 SAMUEL BUELL, born Windsor 20 July 1663, died Killingworth 2 November 1732, son of Samuel and Deborah (Griswold) Buell, pioneer settlers of Killingworth in 1664. Samuel was a Captain of militia at the time of his death. Abstracts of many deeds and of his will are found in *History of the Buell Family in England and America*, compiled by Albert Welles, (New York 1881) pages 31-33. This book has proved to be reliable where checked on the Buell descendants, and occasionally has information not available in other sources.

Children of Samuel and Judith[3] (Steevens) Buell recorded in Killingworth (father Samuel Jr., mother not named):

i. SAMUEL[4] BUELL born 29 May 1687, died 15 June 1688.

68. ii. SAMUEL BUELL born 18 March 1689/90.

69. iii. JOSIAH BUELL born 7 March 1691/2.

70. iv. DEBORAH BUELL born 24 January 1693/4.

71. v. MARY BUELL born 17 May 1696 (MARCY in Barbour).

72. vi. DANIEL BUELL born 19 June 1698.

73. vii. NATHANIEL BUELL born 29 September 1700.

viii. LYDIA BUELL born 9 March 1702/3, died 8 August 1710.

74. ix. MEHITABLE BUELL born 8 May 1705.

x. LUCY BUELL born 25 May 1708, died 8 August 1708.

75. xi. JOSEPH BUELL born 24 August 1710.

17. JOSIAH[3] STEEVENS (*William*[2], *John*[1]) was born in Killingworth 8 or 19 December 1670 and died there 15 March 1754, Captain of militia and Deacon of the church in Clinton, where his gravestone is found. He married, first, in Killingworth 25 June 1699 SARAH HUBBELL, born Stratfield about 1676, died Killingworth 17 December 1726, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Gaylord) Hubbell. He married, second, in Killingworth 11 July 1733 MARCY (CRANE) HOADLEY, born Killingworth 21 June 1680, died there 18 April 1739, daughter of Henry Crane and widow of John Hoadley. He married, third, RUTH -------, who was mentioned in his will.

The administration of "Mercy" Steevens in Guilford probate gives her date of death and calls her "lawful wife of Captain Josiah Steevens." Her personal estate was divided among her Hoadley children.

The will of Captain Josiah Steevens in Guilford probate was written 3 October 1749 with Danell Gray, John Lewis, and Josiah Rossiter as witnesses, and proved 27 March 1754. It mentions wife Ruth; granddaughter Lidea Pierson, daughter of son Josiah; three sons Daniell Steevens, Elnathan Steevens, Nathaniell Steevens; grandson Jeremiah Steevens; daughter Jerusha Dewolf. Inventory taken 28 April 1754 included land valued at almost £7000 and a large personal estate. The appraisers were Aaron Eliot, Daniel Willcocks, and Hiel Buell. The will is important for the surviving child of the eldest son Josiah, for the existence of a son Jeremiah, and for the second husband of the only daughter.

Two other documents prove the relationship of the unrecorded son Jeremiah, who does not appear in any previous account of this family. Killingworth LR 5-43: "Josiah Steevens of Killingworth... for the parental love and natural affection which I have and do bare toward my dutyfull and well beloved son Jeremiah Steevens of Killingworth... a tract on Roastmeat Hill, 45½ acres, together with the dwelling house thereon standing" 7 March 1731/2, acknowledged the same day by Captain Josiah Steevens. A deed of 8 May 1735, recorded on the same page, is from Jeremiah Steevens to his "brother" Elnathan Steevens.

Children of Josiah[3] and Sarah (Hubbell) Steevens, four recorded in Killingworth (mother not named), last two from deeds and father's will:

76. i. JOSIAH[4] STEEVENS born 25 March 1700.

77. ii. DANIEL STEEVENS born 18 October 1701.

78. iii. ELNATHAN STEEVENS born 13 April 1703.

79. iv. JERUSHA STEEVENS born 19 October 1704.

80. v. JEREMIAH STEEVENS born 1706.

81. vi. NATHANIEL STEEVENS born 1710.

18. MARY[3] STEEVENS *(William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 2 November 1677 and died in New London 20 October 1718 in her 41st year (Hempstead Diary page 81). She married in New London on 1 December 1696 JOSEPH HARRIS, born New London 16 January 1672, died there 26 August 1737 aged 66, son of Gabriel and Elizabeth (Abbott) Harris. He married, second, Lydia (Post) Morse. His will, dated 11 August 1731 and proved 27 September 1737, is abstracted in the Parkhurst Manuscripts of New London Families, volume 13 page 24. (This is an extensive collection of genealogies of New London, of which a photostatic copy is found in the Connecticut State Library; the original is owned by the New London County Historical Society. It has been thoroughly examined for the Harris descendants in both male and female lines, and for several other New London names. A few dates and marriages cannot be verified from records available today.)

Children of Joseph and Mary[3] (Steevens) Harris recorded in New London or baptized in First Church there:

i. daughter born 12 January 1697/8, died 8 February 1697/8.

82. ii. MARY[4] HARRIS born 4 April 1699.

83. iii. PHEBE HARRIS born 24 January 1700/1.

84. iv. SARAH HARRIS born 1 January 1704/5.

85. v. GRACE HARRIS born 2 February 1706/7.

86. vi. TEMPERANCE HARRIS baptized 26 June 1709.

87. vii. JOSEPH HARRIS born 14 October 1711.

88. viii. JOHN HARRIS born 18 April 1715.

89. ix. DAVID HARRIS baptized 20 July 1718.

FOURTH AND FIFTH GENERATIONS

PART ONE

DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS[2] STEEVENS

19. MARY[4] STEEVENS (*James*[3], *Thomas*[2], *John*[1]) was born in Killingworth 3 December 1674 and died in East Haddam 5 June 1764, in her 90th year (GS in Moodus Cemetery). She married about 1697 ROBERT CHAPMAN Junior, born Saybrook 19 April 1675, died East Haddam 24 December 1760 in his 86th year, son of Robert and Sarah (Griswold) Chapman. Dates of death in the VR vary slightly, 19 June for Mary and 4 November or 4 December for Robert. Some data has been taken from Reverend F. W. Chapman, *The Chapman Family: Descendants of Robert of Saybrook* (1854), pp. 70-71, 74-76, but everything has been verified as far as possible, and several spouses are identified.

The will of Robert Chapman of East Haddam is found in Colchester probate #701, dated 7 August 1750 and first sworn in Bolton 24 December 1760, indicating that the date of death on the stone is incorrect. It mentions wife (not named), sons David Chapman and Robert Chapman (both to be executors), four grandsons Jabez, Jonathan, Joseph, and John Chapman, sons Caleb Chapman and Francis Chapman, daughters Deborah Robinson and Sarah Sanford. It was witnessed by Jabez Chapman, Thomas Bishop, and Elizabeth Chapman (later Watrous). Partial distribution was made 6 June 1763 to the widow and to Mrs. Sarah Sanford, wife of Ebenezer; final distribution was on 6 February 1764 to all the children in order, mentioning heirs of son Jonathan deceased.

Administration on the widow Mary Chapman was granted to David Chapman 2 July 1764 (Colchester probate #694) and distribution entered 31 October 1765 to each of the children as above. Each received the small sum of 0:2:2:¼:½. (it is not clear whether that means one-fourth of a farthing plus one-half of a smaller division, or perhaps one-eighth of a farthing.)

Children of Robert and Mary[4] (Steevens) Chapman recorded in East Haddam:

i. DAVID[5] CHAPMAN born 16 December 1698, married in East Haddam 5 February 1723/4 ABIGAIL[4] LEE (see family #51).

ii. ROBERT CHAPMAN born 30 September 1700, will proved East Haddam 1778. He married (1) in East Haddam 17 March 1726 MARY CHURCH, who died 20 November 1762 age 68 (GS) or 19 November 1764 (VR). He married (2) in East Haddam 22 April 1766 HESTER (KIRTLAND) CHAPMAN, widow of Jedediah Chapman of Saybrook. Eleven children by first wife.

iii. JONATHAN (Nathan in Barbour) CHAPMAN born 18 August 1702, died there 22 August (GS Cove Burying Ground) 23 (VR) 1742, aged 40. He married in East Haddam 3 December 1730 HANNAH BRAINERD alias SELDEN, born Deerfield, Massachusetts 1686, died East Haddam 17 March 1742, daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Church) Selden. She married (1) 2 February 1715 Daniel Brainerd, who died 17 September 1728. Four Chapman sons mentioned in their grandfather's will. She also had six Brainerd children.

iv. CALEB CHAPMAN born 21 August 1704, died 13 March 1776 age 72 (Captain on GS in Moodus Cemetery). He married in East Haddam 11 February 1731 ELIZABETH CHURCH born there 8 July or August 1709, died East Haddam 15 July 1790 age 81 years (GS), daughter of John and Elizabeth (Olmstead) Church. Nine children.

v. DEBORAH CHAPMAN born 15 February 1707, died 19 October 1793 age 87 (GS in Windham). She married in Windham 21 February 1748/9 as second wife ISRAEL ROBINSON born Tisbury, Massachusetts 16 March 1696, died Windham 12 January 1775 in his eightieth year, son of Peter Robinson. His first wife Sarah Sabin died in 1737. One child by Deborah.

vi. FRANCIS CHAPMAN born 23 December 1712, died 9 December 1794 in his 83rd year (GS Moodus). He married in East Haddam (1) 24 September 1741 SUSANNAH ROWLEY born there 30 March 1720, died there 20 January 1743/4, age 24 (GS Cove Burying Ground), daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Church) Rowley. Francis married (2) 10 October 1749 TEMPERANCE JONES born Saybrook 4 August 1710, died 8 March 1758 (Moodus Cemetery), daughter of Samuel and Mary (Lay) Jones. Francis married (3) 16 September 1761 MARY BATES (Batts VR), perhaps born Saybrook 17 November 1733, died 10 January 1791 age 58 (GS), daughter of Robert and Mary Bates. One child by (1), four by (2), five by (3). (Through her father Susannah Rowley was descended from Edward Fuller of the *Mayflower*.)

vii. SARAH CHAPMAN born 1715, died Easton on 20 March 1809 in her 92nd year (GS). The Chapman Genealogy is in error in claiming that she married Moses Rowley. She married in Fairfield 14 February 1739/40 EBENEZER SANFORD, baptized Fairfield 6 November 1709, died Easton 6 April 1786 in his 78th year (GS), son of Thomas and Hannah (Steevens) Sanford, see family #21 for Hannah.

20. JAMES[4] STEEVENS *(James[3], Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 7 October (Barbour) 11 October (Talcott) 1676 and died there 16 September 1764, aged 84 (GS in Clinton), but his will was proved 4 September, so perhaps the correct date of death is 1 September. He was a deacon in the Clinton Church. He married in Killingworth 5 November 1701 HANNAH (HULL or HURD), who died before the date of her husband's will 25 August 1761. The actual record of the marriage is not found in Barbour or in any other source that can be located. The name is Hull in the Holmes book, Hurd in Talcott and Smyth. It seems to me that the Hurd name is an error, since it was James[5] Steevens who married Hannah Hurd. If she was Hannah Hull, she may be daughter of Joseph Hull, who died in Killingworth 1705, but no evidence can be found in the vital records or the probate.

The will of James Steevens is found in Guilford probate, dated 25 August 1761 and proved 4 September 1764, showing that the death date of 16 September reported for the tombstome in Clinton is impossible. The four sons, James, Israel, Amos, and Nehemiah, all received land, while Amos had the home place, of which he had already been given one-half, and was to make payments to his two sisters. The inventory included real estate valued at £39, and distribution was ordered in seven parts for the six children, with a double share for the eldest son. It was dated 4 June 1765, at which time Nehemiah was deceased, and the daughters were called Hannah Michal and Lydia Bayle. Later Lydia's husband was named as Amos Bailey.

The will of Israel[5] Steevens, dated 12 March 1777 and and proved 15 November 1779, is found in Guilford probate. Consent to probate was signed by John and Joanna Lane, Jonathan and Zerriah Kelsy, Samuel and Jerusha Burr, Daniel and Damaris Nettleton, Jane Steevens, and Nathaniel Burr 2d. A very large distribution, completed 8 December 1779, also included only son Israel and two other daughters, Lydia and Jemima.

Inventory of Nehemiah[5] Steevens in Guilford probate was finished 29 March 1763 and distribution was made 15 August 1763, double share to son James, other shares to son Elijah, daughters Sarah, Hepsibah, Chloe, and Elizabeth (all unmarried). Widow Jane was administratrix and received dower. Recorded daughters Jane and Mercy must have died young.

Children of James[4] and Hannah (Hull?) Steevens recorded in Killingworth:

i. HANNAH[5] STEEVENS born 23 January 1702/3, living 4 June 1765, married (1) in Killingworth 28 August 1727 THOMAS HEALEY, who died there 18 January 1736/7; married (2) in Litchfield 30 August 1738 NATHAN MITCHELL. Four children by (1) and issue by (2).

ii. JAMES STEEVENS born 27 March 1706, died 23 April 1790 aged 85 (Killingworth CR). He married there 5 November 1729 HANNAH HURD, born Woodbury 31 October 1709, daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah Hurd. James and Hannah were admitted to the church in Killingworth 18 January 1737/8. He deeded one-third of a sawmill with water rights to son Peter on 10 May 1783 (LR 12-167). Six children recorded in Killingworth, one of them born in Litchfield 1738 (Ame[6], Anne, Hannah, James, Thankful, and Peter).

iii. ISRAEL STEEVENS born 14 September 1708 and baptized after 28 November 1709 in the church at Clinton, died 28 October 1779 (date in inventory). He married in Killingworth 30 November 1732 LYDIA KELSEY, born there 27 November 1710, daughter of John and Phebe (Crane) Kelsey. Nine children recorded in Killingworth, see Kelsey Genealogy p. 133. See probate above.

iv. AMOS STEEVENS born 22 May 1711, baptized Clinton 26 August 1711, died 29 November 1803 aged 92 years 6 months (Killingworth CR). He married 2 December 1734 (Killingworth VR) 1 December (Saybrook CR) MARY STANNARD, born Saybrook 11 February 1715, died "wife of aged Amos Steevens" 23 September 1786 aged 72 years (Clinton CR), daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Stannard. Children born Killingworth: Aaron[6], Naomi, Samuel, Amos, Mary. Naomi[6] Steevens married Christopher Steevens, son of William[4] #64.

v. NEHEMIAH STEEVENS born 26 June 1713, died Killingworth 1763 (inventory finished 29 March). He married there 25 November 1736 JANE BENNETT, born Lyme 25 May 1714, daughter of John and Marah (Huntley) Bennett. She was received into the Killingworth church 17 August 1743 and survived her husband. Five children in VR and three more in CR. See probate above.

vi. LYDIA STEEVENS born 15 August 1715, living 4 June 1765, married Saybrook 16 January 1737/8 JAMES BAYLEY, perhaps born Killingworth 11 August 1716, son of John and Elizabeth (Stallin) Bayley.

21. HANNAH[4] STEEVENS *(James[3], Thomas[2], John[1])* was born Killingworth 8 April 1679 and died in Stratfield 18 May 1755. She married about 1700 THOMAS SANFORD, born Fairfield 2 May 1675, died Stratfield 20 May 1757, aged 83 years, son of Ezekiel and Rebecca (Gregory?) Sanford. Both have gravestones. They lived in Meriden parish of Wallingford from 1739 to 1750. This account is based on Donald L. Jacobus, *History and families of Old Fairfield,* I (1930) 520-521, which includes an abstract of Hannah's will. In a note (*ibid.* page 627) Jacobus suggests that Ezekiel Sanford's wife was Hannah Wiekle.

Children of Thomas and Hannah[4] (Steevens) Sanford baptized in Fairfield:

i. ELIZABETH[5] SANFORD born about 1701 baptized 26 August 1705, married 15 November 1723 THOMAS[4] LEE of Guilford. See family no. 49.

ii. HANNAH SANFORD born about 1703, baptized 26 August 1705, died Stratfield 28 October 1763 aged 61 years, married JOHN PORTER, baptized Stratfield 17 November 1700, died Trumbull 6 May 1781 in his 83rd year, called Ensign on his gravestone, son of Nathaniel and Rebecca (Wheeler) Porter.

iii. EUNICE SANFORD baptized 26 August 1705, married DAVID HUBBELL, born Stratfield 1 July 1698, died 1753, son of Samuel and Temperance (Preston) Hubbell.

iv. THOMAS SANFORD baptized 4 October 1707, died Trumbull 19 April 1767 in his 60th year, married ABIAH -----, no issue. She married (2) 2 April 1777 John Middlebrook and died Trumbull 26 November 1781 in her 60th year.

v. EBENEZER SANFORD baptized 6 November 1709, married SARAH[5] CHAPMAN, see family no. 19.

vi. DAVID SANFORD baptized 24 February 1711/12, died Warwick, New York 1767, married Stratfield 29 January 1736 PATIENCE BURROUGHS, born Stratfield 2 or 12 January 1709/10, daughter of John and Patience (Hinman) Burroughs. Lived Meriden and North Killingworth.

vii. MARY SANFORD baptized 2 May 1714, died Greenfield 24 February 1753 in her 39th year, married THOMAS WHEELER, born Fairfield 16 July 1708, died Greenfield 22 February 1796 in his 88th year, son of Joseph and Deborah (Nichols) Wheeler. He married (2) Sarah (Bulkley) Perry. Six children by first wife and will abstract in Jacobus, *op. cit.*, II 1016-1017.

viii. SARAH SANFORD baptized 11 November 1716, married 4 August 1737 JOSEPH ANDREWS, born Middletown 24 April 1710, son of John and Rachel Andrews.

ix. TABITHA SANFORD baptized 25 January 1718/19, married 5 May 1738 BENJAMIN ANDREWS, born Middletown March 1712, son of John and Rachel Andrews.

x. TAMAR SANFORD baptized 16 August 1724, married EBENEZER HUBBELL, born about 1723, died Trumbull 21 March 1800 age 77 (GS), son of Ebenezer and Sarah (Titherton) Hubbell. Dower in his estate was set to widow Tamar.

22. SARAH[4] STEEVENS *(James[3], Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 20 January 1680 and died in New London 4 January 1752. She married in New London 27 May (March) 1699 JAMES ROGERS, born New London 1672, died there 21 (20 VR) July 1721 aged 49 years, son of Joseph and Sarah Rogers. He was killed by the discharge of a gun set by Indians to kill a fox, and was buried in the Old Grave Yard. They lived in the present town of Waterford. This account is partly based on James Swift Rogers, *James Rogers of New London, Connecticut and His Descendants,* Boston 1902, pages 53, 54, 85-89. Other material on the spouses is from the copy of the *Parkhurst Manuscripts of New London Families* at the Connecticut State Library.

Children of James and Sarah[4] (Steevens) Rogers born in New London:

i. SARAH[5] ROGERS born 13 May 1700, marriage intentions 25 February 1720 MATTHEW SMITH born New London 27 November 1698, son of George and Rachel Smith of Lyme.

ii. ANN(A) ROGERS born 27 November 1701, married New London 24 August 1732 JONATHAN WEEKS "a stranger resdent in Lyme." Two children born in New London VR.

iii. JERUSHA ROGERS born 15 January 1705/6, marriage intentions New London 9 June 1725 WILLIAM BEEBE, son of William and Ruth (Rogers) Beebe. His will was written 7 July 1768 and proved 10 January 1775; it mentions Jerusha as living in 1768. Six children born in New London.

iv. ABI or ABY ROGERS born 28 March 1708, married New London 17 April 1727 EBENEZER DARROW, born New London 12 August 1704, died 10 October 1756, son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Packer) Darrow. Four children born in New London.

v. HANNAH ROGERS born 3 August 1710, marriage intentions New London 13 November 1728 or 1729 EZEKIEL BEEBE, son of William and Ruth (Rogers) Beebe. Nine children born New London.

vi. ZERVIAH ROGERS born 8 September 1713, died 24 April 1754, married 22 March 1738/9 SAMUEL POWERS born about 1718, died 7 February 1791, son of Joseph and Abigail Powers. He had six children by Zerviah, and married (2) Martha or Maria Browning, by whom he had nine children.

vii. PRISCILLA ROGERS born 8 February 1715, married New London 10 June 1739 JONATHAN LEACH born New London 18 November 1716, son of Thomas and Mary (Tubbs) (Crocker) Leach. Six children born New London.

viii. JAMES ROGERS born 6 July 1717, died 20 April 1790, married 24 January 1745 MEHITABLE NEWBURY, born New London 2 March 1724, died 8 December 1787, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Beebe) Newbury. Ten children born New London.

ix. MARY ROGERS born 15 or 18 May 1719, married New London 22 April 1739 JOSEPH LEACH, born 12 February 1708/9, died 17 May 1790 age 80 (GR ancientest cemetery New London), son of Thomas and Mary (Tubbs) (Crocker) Leach. Nine children born New London.

23. PATIENCE[4] STEEVENS *(James[3], Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 24 April 1683 and died in Wallingford 13 March 1771. She married about 1712 DANIEL BALDWIN, baptized Milford 3 March 1688/9, died Wallingford 12 August 1777, son of Jonathan and Hannah (Ward) Baldwin. They removed 1728 to the Meriden parish of Wallingford, where his will was proved in 1777. Information on this family is found in C. C. Baldwin, *Baldwin Genealogy*, Cleveland 1881, page 487, and in D. L. Jacobus, *New Haven Families*, pages 105, 106, 256.

Children of Daniel and Patience[4] (Steevens) Baldwin born in Milford:

i. DANIEL[5] BALDWIN born 28 September 1713, died 9 February 1800 aged 86 (Wallingford CR), married there 2 December 1747 MERCY EATON, possibly born Wallingford, daughter of James and Hannah (Peck) Heaton, the two names being confused. Five children.

ii. JEHIEL BALDWIN born 21 June 1716, living 1778 in New Marlboro, Massachusetts, married (1) Wallingford 30 November 1743 MARY WAY, born East Haven 28 March 1722, died Wallingford 22 September 1748, daughter of David and Esther (Russell) Way; married (2) Wallingford 6 April 1749 BRIDGET GOODWIN. Two children by (1) and three by (2).

iii. PATIENCE BALDWIN born 11 October 1724, died 24 July 1757 (CR), 1756 (GS), married 25 July (Meriden CR), 27 July (Wallingford VR) 1750 DANIEL HALL 3rd, born Wallingford 1 June 1727, died 26 October 1805 age 79, son of Daniel and Martha (Doolittle) Hall. He married (2) Zerviah Whitmore. Four children of Patience mentioned in her father's will.

iv. LOIS BALDWIN born 19 May 1727, died on 7 December 1799 age 72, married Wallingford 16 August 1753 JOHN YEOMANS, living 1790, not identified. Four children of Lois mentioned in her father's will.

24. WILLIAM[4] KELSEY *(Mary[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 3 March 1673/4 and died there 26 May 1718. He married there 26 August 1697 ELIZABETH SHEATHER, born Killingworth 20 November 1679, living 1727, daughter of John junior and Elizabeth (Wellman) Sheather. She married, second, between 1722 and 1727 Thomas Spencer of Saybrook, born Haddam 1 April 1679, living Groton 1757, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Bates) Spencer. Thomas and Elizabeth Spencer gave a deed on her first husband's estate in 1727. For Spencer data, see D. L. Jacobus in *The American Genealogist* 27 (1951) page 177. Thomas Spencer's children were all by his first wife, Anna Douglas. Some of the present account depends on the *Kelsey Genealogy* pages 105-108 and 210ff., which has much extra detail on land records, and on distributions and guardianships in probate.

Children of William[4] and Elizabeth (Sheather) Kelsey recorded in Killingworth:

i. WILLIAM[5] KELSEY born 30 November 1697, died Saybrook 2 December 1755; married (1) Killingworth 15 December 1720 SARAH WILCOX, born Killingworth 21 August 1696, died there 21 December 1721, daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Lane) Wilcox; married (2) Killingworth 16 March 1724 PHEBE[4] CHITTENDEN; for her issue and second marriage see family no. 52. William and Phebe removed Saybrook in 1731. There was a set of twins by the first wife.

ii. EPHRAIM KELSEY born 17 September 1701, died Saybrook 9 February 1780; married Killingworth 7 November 1723 JEMIMA KELSEY, born Killingworth, died Saybrook 28 September 1775, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Hayden) Kelsey. They removed Saybrook in 1731. Four children born Killingworth, two baptized Saybrook.

iii. JEHIEL KELSEY born 1 February 1703/4, living after 1755; married (1) about 1742 THANKFUL ------, who died 9 November 1755; married (2) 10 April 1756 MARY (MATHER) KELSEY, perhaps born Lyme 14 November 1715, daughter of Samuel and Deborah (Shether) Mather, probably widow of Solomon Kelsey. She died Killingworth about 1784. Two children by (1), one by (2).

iv. MATTHIAS KELSEY born 14 February 1704/5, died Salisbury 1796 aged 91; married Killingworth 14 December 1727 ABIGAIL KIRKUM, who died Salisbury 27 September 1784. Six children born Killingworth. They removed Salisbury in 1740.

v. MARY KELSEY born 25 March 1709, died young.

vi. DEBORAH KELSEY born 2 January 1711, living 5 May 1778, but died before her husband; married Saybrook 20 July 1738 JEREMIAH NETTLETON, born Killingworth 2 April 1718, died there 20 June 1779, son of Joseph and Hannah (Bushnell) Nettleton. Six children born Killingworth; for family of their son Jeremiah Nettleton, see family no. 72.

vii. GAMALIEL KELSEY born 5 December 1714, lived Saybrook, where he died 21 January or April 1793; married (1) Saybrook on 11 January 1738/9 MARY GRAY, who died Saybrook 25 December 1758; married (2) Saybrook 25 March 1762 MARY or MERCY (DENISON) CHAPMAN, widow of Nathaniel Chapman. Eight children by (1) born Saybrook.

25. DANIEL[4] KELSEY *(Mary[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 2 June 1677 and died there 22 May 1751. He married in Killingworth 23 November 1705 SARAH GRAVES, born Guilford 14 March 1667/8, died about 1764, daughter of John and Elizabeth Graves. Her will in Guilford probate, dated 13 July 1764, is given in full in the *Kelsey Genealogy*, but neither the original nor the record copy could be located at the Connecticut State Library, when an attempt was made to learn the approximate date of her death from the date of probate of the will. The family account is found in the genealogy on pages 108-110 and 224ff.

Children of Daniel[4] and Sarah (Graves) Kelsey recorded in Killingworth:

i. DAVID[5] KELSEY born 16 December 1706, died North Killingworth 27 August 1794; married (1) Killingworth 18 September 1734 SARAH PLATTS, died Killingworth 6 December 1772; married (2) Killingworth 2 December 1773 LYDIA BAILEY, died 26 April 1796. Eight children by (1) born Killingworth.

ii. SARAH KELSEY born 23 December 1708, living 1764 when mentioned in her mother's will; married 19 December 1728 LEMUEL PARMELEE, born Killingworth 2 or 3 December 1704, died Killingworth 2 June 1774, son of Nathaniel and Esther (Kelsey) Parmelee. Six children born Killingworth.

iii. DANIEL KELSEY born 28 January 1710, died Killingworth before 13 July 1764, date of his mother's will; married Killingworth 14 December 1738 HANNAH KELSEY, born Killingworth 17 February 1706/7, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Hayden) Kelsey. Six children born Killingworth.

iv. ISAAC KELSEY born 28 March 1712, died Killingworth 7 November 1781; married Killingworth 5 March 1752 HANNAH BUSHNELL, born Saybrook 8 December 1719, died Killingworth after 1782, daughter of Samuel junior and Hannah (Hill) Bushnell. Isaac was a proprietor of Newport, New Hampshire but did not settle there. He served in the Revolutionary War from Connecticut as a corporal and is a DAR Patriot Ancestor. Five children born Killingworth.

v. NEHEMIAH KELSEY born 31 July 1714, died before 13 July 1764, when his child or children were mentioned in his mother's will; married Middletown 9 July 1746 REBECCA WHITMORE, born Middletown on 14 December 1720, daughter of William and Rebecca (Basset) Whitmore.

vi. EZRA KELSEY born 20 July 1718, died Killingworth 11 January 1801; married Killingworth 21 May 1756 MARY CLARK, died Killingworth 11 October 1796. Children born Killingworth.

vii. LYDIA KELSEY born 8 December 1722; married Killingworth 21 May 1752 WAITSTILL (or WAIT) MUNGER, born East Guilford 23 March 1728, died in service in the Revolutionary War 1777, aged 49, son of John and Deborah (French) Munger. He is a DAR Patriot Ancestor. Eight children born East Guilford (Madison).

26. MARY[4] KELSEY *(Mary[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 12 August 1679 and died between 1728 and 1733. She married in Killingworth 2 May 1705 JOHN WRIGHT, born Killingworth 1680 (age listed as 24 in his father's 1704 inventory), died Killingworth between 5 May 1760 and 11 February 1761 (dates of will), son of Joseph and Elizabeth Wright. He married, second, in Killingworth 24 May 1733 Phebe Large. His will in Guilford probate appoints wife Phebe as executrix, and mentions two sons John and Joshua, with provisions which indicate that Joshua had no heir; also grandson Nathan.

Children of John and Mary[4] (Kelsey) Wright recorded in Killingworth:

i. DANIEL[5] WRIGHT born 5 February 1707/8, died 12 December (year missing in VR), not in father's will.

ii. JOHN WRIGHT born 6 September 1711, married ELIZABETH[5] CHITTENDEN, see family no. 54. His administration in Guilford probate was granted to Elizabeth Wright about 4 January 1768.

iii. ABIGAIL WRIGHT born 29 July 1715, not in father's will.

iv. JOSHUA WRIGHT born 30 December 1719, living 1760, probably unmarried.

27. ABIGAIL[4] KELSEY *(Mary[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 3 February 1682 and died in Guilford between 1710 and 1714. She married in Guilford 10 August 1704 EBENEZER DUDLEY, born Guilford 27 February 1681 (1682 Talcott), died East Guilford (Madison) 29 August 1751 (not 1759), son of John and Martha (French) Dudley. He married, second, in Guilford 26 October 1714 (1713 Talcott) Elizabeth Graves. The *Kelsey Genealogy* pp. 111-112 lists all nine of his children as by Abigail Kelsey, but actually the last five were by his second wife, as they were born after 1714.

Children of Ebenezer and Abigail[4] (Kelsey) Dudley recorded in Guilford:

i. MARTHA[5] DUDLEY born 13 April 1706, died 1 May 1706.

ii. JOHN DUDLEY born 7 August 1707, died 2 May 1751 (Talcott), but probate is dated 1750; married Guilford 9 October 1738 ABIGAIL SLE(A)D, born Middletown 10 September 1712, daughter of Jonathan and Thankful (Cornwell) Slead. Four children born Guilford.

iii. DAVID DUDLEY born 2 March 1708/9, died 19 February 1780 (Talcott), GS Old Summer Hill Cemetery, Madison; married Guilford 12 October 1733 DINAH MUNGER, born Guilford 5 April 1712, died 22 August 1777 (GS and Talcott), daughter of John and Deborah (French) Munger. Five children born Guilford.

iv. EBENEZER DUDLEY born 1710, died 8 July 1784 age 65 (GS); married (1) 16 September 1750 (Talcott) REBECCA MUNGER, born Guilford 1731, died there 16 September 1751 (GS West Cemetery, Madison), daughter of John and Deborah (French) Munger; married (2) ABIGAIL (DUDLEY) (MEIGGS) EVARTS, born 15 February 1716, died 31 January 1803, age 87 (GS), daughter of Jonathan and Abigail (Munger) Dudley, and widow first of Samuel Meiggs, and second of Judah Evarts. Ebenezer had one child by (1) and three by (2).

28. HEZEKIAH[4] KELSEY *(Mary[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 8 December 1683 and died there about 1730. He was living in 1728 when his father's estate was settled, but not when his second child was born. He married in Killingworth 9 January 1722/3 ELIZABETH WRIGHT, possibly born Killingworth 1696, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Wright and mentioned as age 8 in her father's estate 1704. If so, she was sister of John Wright who married Hezekiah's sister, no. 26. The family account in the *Kelsey Genealogy* pages 112-113 states that she married, second, Thomas Brown by 1732 and, third, Hezekiah Cocks by 1735, but the vital records clearly show that the children she bore to those men in those years were illegitimate.

Children of Hezekiah[4] and Elizabeth (Wright) Kelsey born in Killingworth:

i. JOHN[5] KELSEY born 3 April 1727.

ii. SAMUEL KELSEY born 5 May 1730, mother Elizabeth, according to the genealogy, but not in Barbour.

29. MARY[4] RUTTY *(Rebecca[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 16 February 1679, and died, probably in Saybrook, before 31 December 1754, date of her sister Sarah Carter's will, see family no. 6. Her sons Daniel, Benjamin, and Isaac Post signed for their mother's share in that estate. Mary married in Saybrook 29 August 1699 DANIEL POST, born Saybrook 28 November 1673, son of Abraham and Mary (Jordan) Post, living 8 December 1736, when he acknowledged a deed in Saybrook LR 5-135. In the Saybrook deeds Daniel Post received portion from his brother Stephen Post, 5 March 1720 (LR 10-140). Daniel owned land in Oyster River Quarter, which he bought of Robert Lay in 1719 (3-152); and which Benjamin Jr. sold to Benjamin Jones in 1742 (6-283). Daniel Post Senr sold to Pabody Grenell 1736, acknowledged 8 December (5-135); this is the last date on which the father was certainly alive, though probably also in 1742. Samuel Post and Daniel Post Jr. sold to Daniel Barker 27 April 1762 (7-577); these are probably grandsons of Daniel Sr., since Daniel III had just come of age that year. This would be proof that Daniel born 1701 was living in 1762.

There is no probate for Daniel's estate, and there are no death dates for Daniel and Mary, or for their son Daniel. The Connecticut Historical Society is in possession of a bound manuscript by Frederick W. Chapman, *The Post Family*, completed 1891, and also an unidentified notebook given by George A. Post. These sources have been quoted at some length, because the information does not exist anywhere else.

Children of Daniel and Mary[4] (Rutty) Post recorded in Saybrook:

i. DANIEL[5] POST born 26 February 1700/1, married SARAH[4] STEEVENS; for his children see family no. 40.

ii. BENJAMIN POST born 3 January 1703/4, married MARY COLT 2 December 1734. Children (Post) in the Chapman manuscript: David[6] born 1 October 1735, died Centerbrook 18 December 1803, married 12 December 1759 Deborah Ward (13 children listed); George born 25 March 1748, died 26 March 1812, married (1) Floe or Flora Hill and (2) Esther Lawrence, and had six plus nine children; Jonathan married 5 December 1779 Sybil Hudson and had one son; Simeon born 19 April 1753, died 13 December 1841 age 88, married Mary Hull and had seven or eight children; Benjamin married (1) Deborah Chapman, (2) Rebecca Hull, four plus two children; Mabel married Joseph Corbit; Lucy married Joseph Spencer. George served in the Revolutionary War and his widow had a pension; Simeon served as a sergeant and probably had a pension; both are DAR Patriot ancestors.

iii. SAMUEL POST born 7 June 1708, no further record.

iv. ISAAC POST born 19 June 1713, died 10 March 1791 age 78 (GS Westbrook), married REBECCA -----. Children (Post): Isaac[6] born 9 September 1749, married Sarah Platts and had eight children; Joel born 25 March 1758, married Keturah ----- and had five children; James born 3 October 1760, had six children; Jeremiah born 23 November 1760 *(sic)*, had seven children; Ruth died Westbrook 1848, unmarried; ?Tabitha.

v. CORNELIUS POST born 22 September 1717, married in Saybrook 12 January 1743/4 SARAH KELSEY, born Killingworth 16 December 1721, daughter of William and Sarah (Willcocks) Kelsey. Daughter Phebe[6] born 12 April 1745.

30. EDWARD[4] RUTTY *(Rebecca[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 27 August 1680 and died there 22 January 1758. He married in Killingworth, first, 18 January 1709/10 ABIGAIL BARBER, died 4 December 1710; second, 12 May 1713 RACHEL SHETHER, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wellman) Shether (cf. LR 3-111), died 11 September 1721; third, 17 September 1722 JUDITH WRIGHT, died 16 April 1734; fourth, 22 December 1736 KATHAREN EATON, died 9 February 1737/8. The marriage of his son Edward did not occur until after the death of this fourth wife, but the list of children in the will of Edward senior shows that the latest marriage was for Edward junior. The will of Edward Rutty senior in Guilford probate was written 1 June 1754 and proved 2 February 1758. It mentions no wife, eldest son Edward Rutty, second son Samuel Rutty, youngest son Daniel Rutty to be executor, two grandchildren, Joseph Griswould and Samuel Griswould under 21.

Child of Edward[4] and Abigail (Barber) Rutty born Killingworth:

i. EDWARD[5] RUTTY born 3 June 1710, died Killingworth 8 October 1776, "son of Edward and Abigail," though the record gives his age as 76 instead of 66. There is also a record (erroneous in some way) that Edward Rutty, son of Edward[5] junior, died 6 August 1721, but Edward[5] was eldest son in 1754, so the death may be for the youngest son Ezra, who did not live to grow up. The estate of Edward[5] in Guilford probate was administered by son Levi Rutty, and agreement of the heirs was signed 21 February 1777: Mary Rutty by X, Jonah (recorded as Janna), Levi, John, Samuel, Abigail Lane and her husband Hezekiah Lane. Edward Rutty married Killingworth 1 February 1739 MARY PURPLE, born Haddam 28 March 1713, died Killingworth 3 December 1790 age 77, daughter of Edward Purple.

Children of Edward[4] and Rachel (Shether) Rutty born Killingworth:

ii. SAMUEL RUTTY born 7 February 1713/14, married in Killingworth 1 April 1735 PATIENCE WRIGHT, perhaps born Saybrook 1 January 1709/10, daughter of James and Judah Wright. He is listed in DAR Patriot ancestors as the Samuel

Rutty who served 14 days under Captain Aaron Stevens in the Lexington Alarm List April-May 1775, with death date given as 30 April 1777, but this does not agree with the 1777 probate file, which gives that Samuel a widow named Eunice and two minor children, Samuel and Eunice. The children of Samuel and Patience born Killingworth: Rachel[6] born 30 June 1735; Lois born 16 December 1736; Samuel born 13 July 1739; Ezra born 14 September 1741; Abigail born 6 August 1748. A DAR ancestry shows that Ezra Rutty went to North Towanda, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, where he died in 1812, wife Mary Simmons. There are many descendants in Bradford County. Samuel born 1739 may be the one who married Eunice Kelsey in Killingworth 5 January 1776 and had: Samuel born 13 July 177(6), Eunice born 28 December 1777. Eunice married (2) Aaron Norton, and was living when her father's estate was settled in 1801, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Lewis) Kelsey. The account of her in the *Kelsey Genealogy* II 39-40 has several errors. Certain it is that the Samuel Kelsey who was husband of Eunice died on 30 April 1777, for that date is given in the inventory of his estate. It remains unproven whether Samuel[5] Rutty born 1714 was the man who answered the Lexington alarm when he was 61 years of age, or whether it was a much younger man.

iii. DANIEL RUTTY born 14 January 1715/16, married in Killingworth (1) 30 April 1741 SARAH RUTTY; (2) 3 January 1753 MARY HODGKIN, born Guilford 5 August 1730, daughter of Janna and Sarah (Edwards) Hodgkin.

iv. REBECCA RUTTY born 4 April 1719, died Killingworth 31 May 1747, married there 4 December 1740 (not 1745 as in Barbour) JOSEPH GRISWOLD, born Killingworth 22 October 1716, son of Joseph and Temperance (Lay) Griswold. Three children born Killingworth, of whom two were mentioned in her father's will. Joseph[6] Griswold III married Temperance[5] Steevens, see family no. 43.

v. EZRA RUTTY born 27 May 1721, not in his father's will; perhaps the "Edward" son of Edward junior who died 6 August 1721.

31. REBECCA[4] RUTTY *(Rebecca[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 8 April 1685 and died there 28 April 1715. She married Killingworth 21 May 1712 PETER FARNUM, born Killingworth 29 August 1689, son of Peter and Hannah (Willcoxson) Farnum. He married, second, 27 March 1717 Marcy Wright.

In the administration of Rebecca (Steevens) Rutty #6 "hanah Baldin" and Rebeckah Steevens and Abraham Steevens signed on 10 May 1739 a receipt for their share of the estate of their "granmother." Benjamin and Hannah Turner sold Hannah's inheritance from her aunt Sarah Carter 28 April 1755.

Children of Peter and Rebecca[4] (Rutty) Farnum recorded in Killingworth:

i. HANNAH[5] FARNUM born 31 October 1713, married (1) before 4 April 1738 ---- BALDWIN, and (2) BENJAMIN TURNER. Hannah, wife of Benjamin Turner, died 19 January 1761; Benjamin died 25 November 1776, age 81, gravestones in Union Cemetery, Killingworth.

ii. REBECCA FARNUM born 12 February 1714/15, married Killingworth 3 February 1737 ABRAHAM[4] STEEVENS, see family no. 43.

32. PHEBE[4] RUTTY *(Rebecca[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 23 April 1687 and died there 25 April 1731. She married in Killingworth 2 December 1708 GEORGE HULL, born there 18 October 1678, died there 5 December 1755, son of Joseph Hull. He married, second, Hannah Kelsey. His gravestone is in the Clinton Cemetery. His will in Guilford probate was written 19 May 1752 and proved 23 December 1755. To wife Hannah thirds, sons George and Joseph Hull all lands, Hannah and George to be executors. Also mentions daughters Elizabeth Griswould, Phebe Graves, and Sarah Hull, the latter a minor who had her mother as guardian 2 March 1756. Distribution was made 22 March 1756 to the same heirs. The children Joseph and Sarah in the will were by the second wife.

Children of George and Phebe[4] (Rutty) Hull recorded in Killingworth:

i. ELIZABETH[5] HULL born 19 August 1721, married JOHN GRISWOLD, born Killingworth 12 March 1719, son of Benjamin and Abigail (Norton) Griswold. They had nine children born Killingworth and removed to Salisbury.

ii. GEORGE HULL born 9 July 1724, married Killingworth 24 January 1753 PHEBE PRATT.

iii. PHEBE HULL born 29 June 1726, married 14 January 1746 (Killingworth CR) SAMUEL GRAVES.

iv. JOSEPH HULL born 4 July 1728, died 17 January 1730/31.

33. DANIEL[4] DODD *(Sarah[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford in 1679 and died about 1750 in Newark, New Jersey, to which place he removed 17 June 1702 (or this may be the date of his marriage). He married ELIZABETH RIGGS, born 1681, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Brown) Riggs of Newark, New Jersey.

Children of Daniel[4] and Elizabeth (Riggs) Dodd born Newark:

i. STEPHEN[5] DODD born 3 or 4 April 1703, died Mendham, New Jersey 22 May 1764, married DEBORAH BROWN, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Brown. Eleven children.

ii. PHEBE DODD born 1704, died Morristown, New Jersey 16 July 1768 in her 65th year (GS), married about 1725 PETER CONDIT, born about 1699, died 1768, son of Peter and Mary (Harrison) Condit. Eight children.

iii. JOHN DODD born 14 May 1711, died 10 August 1785, married JEMIMA HARRISON. Seven children.

iv. TIMOTHY DODD born about 1715, died Newark, New Jersey April 1751. Three children, but wife's name unknown.

34. SAMUEL[4] DODD *(Sarah[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford and died there 24 May 1757. He married, first, 10 January 1704/5 HANNAH SAVAGE of Middletown, born there 29 December 1675, died Guilford 23 March 1735/6 in her 59th year, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Dubbin) Savage; second, Guilford 31 August 1737 HANNAH BENTON, born there 22 April 1695, died 23 August 1740, daughter of James and Hannah (Bushnell) Benton; third, Guilford 22 April 1741 MARY (STONE) EVARTS, born there 8 April 1700, died 19 November 1790, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Scranton) Stone and widow of Samuel Evarts.

In Guilford probate administration on the estate of Samuel Dodd was granted to Ebenezer Dodd of Guilford 6 August 1757 and the inventory amounted to £936.5.5. The real estate was divided 13 March 1761 and agreement was signed by the widow Mary Dodd and the three children of the deceased: Ebenezer Dodd, Thomas Burgis and wife Hannah, John Burgis and wife Sarah.

Children of Samuel[4] and Hannah (Savage) Dodd born Guilford:

i. EBENEZER[5] DODD born 22 December 1705, died Guilford 19 May 1782, GS by the Episcopal Church. According to Talcott he married MARY WHITE. His will, dated 19 December 1785, mentions wife Mary and two daughters Mary Ward and Sarah White.

ii. SAMUEL DODD born 28 February 1707, died Guilford 25 August 1751, unmarried.

iii. HANNAH DODD born 28 July 1712, died 26 July 1795 in her 83rd year; married Guilford 18 May 1737 THOMAS BURGIS(S), born Guilford 29 May 1709, died 28 March 1796 in his 87th year, son of Thomas and Mercy (Wright) Burgis. Two sons and three daughters.

iv. SARAH DODD born 24 April 1715 (1714 Talcott), died Guilford 17 (15 Talcott) January 1787 in her 75th year; married there 14 January 1741/2 JOHN BURGIS, born there 31 August 1714, died there 26 March 1799 in his 85th year, son of Thomas and Mercy (Wright) Burgis. No issue.

Child of Samuel[4] and Mary (Stone) (Evarts) Dodd born Guilford:

v. MARY DODD born 16 January 1741/2, died 26 (24 Talcott) January 1741/2.

35. JOSEPH[4] STEEVENS *(John[3], Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 27 July 1693 and died there 8 September 1784. He married there 25 March 1714 DEBORAH[4] STEEVENS, his first cousin, see family no. 9. He was mentioned in several papers in the settlement of his father's estate in 1723 and later, but there is no mention of him in the land records, and there is no probate of his estate. It cannot even be learned what became of his sons.

Children of Joseph[4] and Deborah[4] (Steevens) Steevens recorded in Killingworth:

i. THOMAS[5] STEEVENS born 8 February 1714/5.

ii. SARAH STEEVENS born 8 September 1718, died young.

iii. BENJAMIN STEEVENS born 12 January 1719/20.

iv. REBECCA STEEVENS born 2 February 1723/4. A family genealogy claims that she married Killingworth 28 November 1744 ELIAKIM HULL, born there 28 January 1721, son of Thomas and Mary (Layton) Hull, but the name of his wife in the Barbour collection is written as Ruth.

v. JOSEPH STEEVENS born 17 March 1726.

vi. SARAH STEEVENS born 18 March 1731 at Branford, married Killingworth 24 April 1759 CHARLES[5] STEEVENS, a distant cousin, see family no. 77.

36. EBENEZER[4] STEPHENS *(John[3], Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 27 September 1695. Complete documents concerning his relation to his brothers and the inheritance in Killingworth have been presented earlier in the account of his father John Steevens #8. First, the brothers Joseph, Ebenezer, and William were notified by the creditors on 19 March 1722/3 that they should take out administration papers. Ebenezer signed a bond as administrator 16 April 1723, calling himself Ebenezer junior to distinguish from his father's brother of the same name. The inventory was taken 16 September 1723 and sworn in probate court. Then Ebenezer and his brother Henry Steevens bought out the rights of several of their siblings on 14 May 1726, recorded only in 1735 in Killingworth LR 5-45 and 46, but acknowledged by the grantors 14 May 1730. The residence of Ebenezer and Henry in 1726 was given as "of Fairfield." They were also living in Fairfield in 1732, when their brother Peter Steevens sold his right to Henry Steevens (Killingworth LR 4-232) and on 6 May 1735, when Ebenezer and Henry disposed of all their holdings in Killingworth to Charles Haselton (LR 5-77). Thus it is clearly demonstrated that Ebenezer Steevens, son of John and Abigail (Cole) Steevens, was the same Ebenezer who lived in Fairfield at least from 1726 to 1735.

It was in Fairfield that Ebenezer Steevens was married to a Fairfield girl, though there is no surviving record of the marriage, which must have occurred about 1730. Evidence for the marriage and later residence is found in Fairfield LR 9-550, the only deed there which bears Ebenezer's name: "Ebenz^{r} Stevens and Abigail Stevens his wife of Bateman's Precinct in the County of Duches and Province of New York for a valuable sum to Sam^{l} Hill of Fairfield, Conn. all our interest in common land in the township of Fairfield," dated 23 February 1749/50, witnessed by Dem^{e} Saben and Dan^{el} Bemiss, acknowledged by Ebenezer and Abigail in Dutchess County 5 March 1749/50 and recorded in Fairfield 28 March 1750. Through the Hill name and the indexes in D. L. Jacobus, *Families of Old Fairfield*, volume I, it is possible to identify Abigail, wife of Ebenezer Stevens, as ABIGAIL LORD, baptized Fairfield 5 April 1700, daughter of Robert and Esther (Ward) (Hawley) (Nichols) (Hill) Lord.

The estate of Abigail's mother (spelled Hester Lord) was settled in 1751, and one of the children was Abigail, wife of Ebenezer Stevens. It will be well to pay careful attention to the Lord family and to the four marriages of Abigail's mother, for she had children by all four of her husbands.

Esther or Hester Ward was born in Fairfield about 1664, only child of Doctor William Ward (who died while serving as a surgeon in King Philip's War) and his wife Deborah Lockwood, who married, second, John Topping. As Hester Ward she married, first, 19 April 1678 Ebenezer Hawley, who died 3 October 1681. They had a daughter Elizabeth Hawley born 1679, and a son William born about 1681 (died young). As Esther Hawley she married, second, 17 October 1682 Ephraim Nichols, who died before 9 March 1690/1, when inventory of his estate was taken. The Nichols children were: Ignatius born 1683, Deborah born 1685/6, Esther born 1689. As Esther Nicolls she married, third, November 1691 Eliphalet Hill, whose inventory was dated 30 January 1695/6. The Hill children were: William born 1692 and Eliphalet born 11 January 1694/5. Finally, as Esther Hill she married, fourth, about 1697 Robert Lord, who died at Fairfield in 1739. The Lord children were Mary baptized 1698 (died young), Abigail baptized 5 April 1700, Sarah baptized 1702, Robert, and Ebenezer. Esther Lord died at Fairfield in 1732 before 8 February, but the date has gone from her gravestone. Although she left a will, the important information comes from the distribution of her estate, which was not made until 4 October 1751. The heirs were listed as: Elizabeth late wife of Colonel John Burr; Ignatius Nickolls; heirs of Deborah late wife of Joseph Wheeler; heirs of Hester wife of David Wheeler; William Hill and Eliphalet Hill; heirs of Robert Lord deceased; heirs of Ebenezer Lord deceased; Sarah wife of Josiah Gilbert; Abigail wife of Ebenezer Stevens.

Thus it is clear that Abigail and Ebenezer Stevens had disposed of their interest in her mother's estate to her nephew Samuel Hill, son of William Hill, and had done so more than a year and a half before the settlement was made in probate court.

A search for Ebenezer Stevens and his family in Dutchess County and for his Connecticut origins had apparently been carried out intermittently for some seventy years without results. Beekman (often written Bateman) Precinct included the present town of Pawling, and it is here that Ebenezer Stevens can be located in several tax lists, starting in 1738/9 and continuing with only a few gaps to June 1761. His brother Henry Stevens was with him in Beekman Precinct from 1738/9 to at least 1753. The last mention found for Henry is as a stockholder of the Susquehannah Company when it was formed in 1754. Their brother William Stevens was also in Pawling and will be mentioned in the next family account. A visit to the Dutchess County Courthouse in Poughkeepsie produced no further records of either Ebenezer or Henry Stevens.

A single entry in the records of Orange County shows that an Ebenezer Stevens, undoubtedly this one, was there in 1762, the year after the final tax entry in Beekman or Pawling township. It is in the form of a mortgage: "Mortgage from Ebenezer Stevens of the county of Orange & province of New Yor(k) Yeoman to John Strawham of the same place: Bearing date the sixteenth day of ffeb(r)uary one Thousand seven hundred and sixty two for a certain farm or tract of land scituate lying and being in the presink of Goshen & County of Orange aforesaid bated(?) & bounded as followeth Beginning at the most southerly corner of a tract of a tract *(sic)* of land granted *(supra)* to Nathaniel Hazard Jun^{r} and runs from thence south sixty degrees east twelve chains then south nineteen degrees west forty chains then south seventy three degrees west forty chains to the said tract granted to Sackit & Hazard & then along their line to the place of beginning containing one hundred acre(s) with a customary allowance for roads:

Entered the 20th of June 1762 Proviso £152:10"

(Mortgage Book A, page 12, Goshen, Orange Co., N.Y.)

While other mortgages in the book have a release, there is no such entry for this document, and it is possible that Ebenezer lost the grant through inability to keep up his payments. The Goshen precinct was organized about 1714. The patent to Nathaniel Hazard was granted in 1727, and that to Joseph Sackett Sr. and Jr. in 1736.

A final entry in Samuel W. Eager, *History of Orange County*, Newburgh, New York 1846-7, page 527 included the name of "Eben. Stephens" in a long list of settlers of the original township of Cornwall, who held some town office between 1765 and 1775. For Ebenezer the date must have been early in this period, as he had already reached the age of seventy on 27 September 1765. There is no evidence that he lived until the Revolutionary period.

Further speculation on the residences of Ebenezer Stevens is tied up with the account of his undoubted son ELIPHALET[5] STEVENS, who later wrote his name Stephens, which spelling is used by all of his descendants to the present day.

Eliphalet Stephens was a member of the Susquehannah Company in 1762, and one of the first band of settlers in the Wyoming Valley in Luzerne County in 1763. After the Mill Creek Massacre he took his family back to Dutchess County for a short while, then to the Minisink region in Orange County, New York, and finally after the Revolutionary War in 1784 he took up permanent residence as a first settler at Thornbottom in the Tunkhannock Creek Valley, now Nicholson, Pennsylvania, where he died 31 August 1814, aged 83 years. Thus he was born in 1731, undoubtedly in Fairfield. This birth year is also confirmed by his military service records.

The *Susquehannah Company Papers*, ed. Robert J. Taylor, X (1971) pages 200-208, contain a very long deposition of Parshal Terry, dated 25 April 1794. It was made to support the claims of the original Connecticut settlers to the Wyoming territory. It contains the only extended account by an eye-witness of the events and trials of the earliest settlements. Terry stated that toward the end of August 1762 he went with ninety-three other settlers, mostly from Connecticut, to Wyoming with horses and farming utensils. In the company with him he names a great many men, including Eliphalet Stevens, but not at first William Stevens whose name is found in the original Company papers.

They camped at the mouth of Mill Creek and the number eventually reached 150, but their arrival had been so late in the season that they had to withdraw until the next spring. Again they returned in May 1763 to plow, sow grain, build houses, etc. There was a surprise attack by Indians on 15 October, when almost twenty of the settlers were killed and their property seized. They could not come back to the area until 1769, and it may be that Eliphalet Stevens did not return with them, or that he returned and stayed less than two years, for a note made by the Proprietors at a meeting in Wilkesbarre in December 1771 states that his settlers rights were forfeited.

Some time before May 1784, 150 families of Connecticut settlers were attacked and dispersed by Pennsylvania troops and claimants, but they returned later that year. Terry believed that in 1794 there were nearly 10,000 claimants from Connecticut in the county of Luzerne.

The deponent later refers to an attack which was probably the one which occurred in 1763, though his chronology is unclear: "That about the middle of August the Deponent left the Settlers on a visit to his family in New York State and returned on the eighth of October. On the day after the attack on the Settlers the deponent having made his escape to Co[1] Strands on the Delaware, he the Deponent was informed by Eliphilet Stephen's and William Stephens, who had made their escape, that they had been warned off by Bill Gilloway an Indian previous to the attack, that unless they did move off or build a Block House and fortify themselves that they would certainly be cut off."

A petition of 1787 shows Eliphalet senior and Ebenezer Stevens in Luzerne County, and the father and two of his sons were counted in the 1790 census for that county (exact township not identified): Eliphalet Stevens 2-1-1; Ebenezer 1-2-3; Eliphalet junior 1-1-2; showing that both sons were already established with small families.

Eliphalet senior gave both military and public service in New York State in the Colonial Wars and during the Revolutionary War, and has been recognized by the DAR as a Patriot ancestor. The following entry is found in *Documents Relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York*, XV (1887) 171:

ELIPHALET STEPHENS

Date of enlistment - July 31, 1775; Age - 44 years;

Where residing - Minisink; Occupation - BlkSmith;

Out of what Company of Militia -
- Company of Jacob DeWitt;

Stature - 5' 7"; Complexion - fair; Hair - brown.

In the National Archives is a Company Muster Roll slip with the name of Eliphalet Stevens, private in Capt. Jacobus S. Bruyn's Company in the 3d Reg't of New York Forces under the command of Colonel James Clinton. Enlisted July 31; roll dated September 28, 1775, Camp at Ticonderoga, for the period June 28 to September 28, 1775.

According to family records Eliphalet married ELSIE or ELSA HOLLOWAY, and they were perhaps married in Dutchess County in 1751. Several Holloway men are found in the Dutchess county records, and even close to the Stevens families, but so far the parents of Elsie have not been identified. She was probably a younger sister of Lydia Holloway, born 1725, wife of Augustine Hunt, who was closely associated with Eliphalet Stephens during much of their adult lives. Elsie was born about 1735 and died in April 1820.

From family records the children of Eliphalet and Elsie (Holloway) Stephens are known to be: Sarah[6] Stephens born 1753; Ebenezer Stephens born 1759; Eliphalet Lord Stephens born 1762; Abigail Stephens born 1765; Holloway Stephens born 1766; William Stephens born 23 October 1775, died in Nicholson 16 January 1797, unmarried. Holloway Stephens remained in Orange County, New York, but his older brothers and sisters all raised large families in Pennsylvania.

The similarity of names between the Stephens and the Lord families is so strong that there can be no real doubt that Ebenezer and Abigail (Lord) Stevens had a son Eliphalet born in the year 1731. In particular, Abigail had a half-brother Eliphalet Hill, who was only five years older than herself.

It is hoped that the present volume of descendants of John Steevens of Guilford may be continued with the fuller account of descendants of Eliphalet Stephens of Nicholson, Pennsylvania, a direct ancestor of John M. Stephens of Rochester, New York who has provided the interest and the means for the present publication; and also ancestor of several Stephens and other families still living in the Nicholson area, and elsewhere in Pennsylvania.

No other children of Ebenezer and Abigail (Lord) Stevens are known for certain, unless perhaps they included the William Stephens, who was also in the Susquehannah Company. Since this William cannot be further traced in New York or Pennsylvania, he could also be identical with Ebenezer's brother William of Pawling, who did not move to the Wyoming Valley, but was perhaps only interested in making an investment, though he was certainly there in the Indian raid of 1763, which may have convinced him that being a pioneer would not be safe for his large family. The wording of the account that has survived clearly implies that William was not killed in the raid.

37. WILLIAM[4] STEEVENS *(John[3], Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 24 September 1701. He remained in Killingworth at least until 14 May 1726, when he signed as William Steevens with other siblings who transferred their rights in their father's estate to their brothers Ebenezer and Henry. There is no other reference to him in Connecticut. He must have gone to Dutchess County and married soon after 1730, although his name first appears in the tax list of Beekman's Precinct in February 1745/6, six years after the first entries for his brothers. A record taken from the papers of some descendants of William contains confusion between him and his son William, but deserves to be quoted in full here:

> William Stephens, son of John Stephens and Abigail Cole, and grandson of Hon. Thomas Stephens, lived in Pawling. As it has come down to us, William Stevens and family came from Bateman's Patent, N.Y. (now a part of Dutchess County or in its vicinity) and bought in Sheffield, (Mass.) 90½ acres of land in 1760 or 1768 or 1769. The old record of the deed is very indistinct. The locality has been known under various names as Bald Hill, Cot Hill, Turkey Hill, and is readily found though not under these titles. More acres were added at later dates. William lived and died at Sheffield, Mass. and left two sons William and Ebenezer and four daughters. Ebenezer lived and died at Dover, Dutchess County. William, son of John, was born in 1702 and died in 1770. Married three times - no children by his first wife. By his second wife, whose maiden name was Corey, he had ten children. His will mentions "home farm" also "land on or near Otter Creek, N.H." His original will is in the court of appeals at Albany, N.Y.

An abstract of the will of the first William in Pawling is dated 1783, not 1770, while the Bershire County record of the first deed in Sheffield gives the date of purchase as 25 October 1768. Thus many of the facts of this traditional account may be checked in original sources.

Before taking up an account of William Stevens in Dutchess County it is necessary to eliminate an erroneous identification in the earlier Steevens genealogies, in which this William born 1702 was said to have married Ruhamah Earl and to have lived and died in Killingworth. An in-depth study of all references to William Steevens produced the story of William born 1706, son of Samuel Steevens, and his family is described in detail later under number 64. This leaves William born 1702 free to be with his brothers in Dutchess County, as described in the traditional account.

The mortgage records of Dutchess County reveal that just before the Revolutionary War William Stevens was sufficiently prosperous to lend sizable amounts of money, to be secured by mortgages on real estate. Book 3 page 254, dated 21 July 1773, is a mortgage from William Holloway of Pawlings Precinct, yeoman, and Sarah his wife to William Stevens of same on a tenement in Paulings 134 acres 140 rods for securing payment of a bond of even date for a penalty of £1483-4, double indemnity for payment of £741-12 with interest in three years, or by 21 July 1776. The discharge is in book D page 176 and dated 10 May 1777 for the amount of £881-7-10 including interest, "in behalf of my father-in-law William Stevens per me William Shearman." Again in 3-286 on 12 October 1773 Seth Fish of the Great Nine Partners mortgaged a tract in Charlotte Precinct to William Stevens of Poldings Precinct, yeoman, to cover a double indemnity bond of $200. In this case the receipt was signed by William Stevens in the margin on 11 January 1777 for payment in full of the mortgage. Finally, in 3-431 William and Sarah Holloway on 2 December 1775 mortgaged to William Stevens a tract in Pawlings on the west side of the Great Road that leads to the Nine Partners, 134 acres 148 rods to cover penal sum of £402-11-2. This mortgage was discharged by a receipt from William Shearman at the same time as the first instrument above, as recorded in D-180.

The fullest abstract of the will of William Stevens, yeoman, of Pawlings Precinct, Dutchess County is found in *New York Historical Society Collections* (1902) pages 128-130, made from the copy in Liber 36 page 30, Surrogate's Office, New York City. It was dated 22 March 1783 and proved 19 August 1783, so that its author had died between those dates. It was witnessed by John Robinson, Ebenezer Mors, and Abner Chase. He described himself as "weak and infirm of body." He appointed Elder Samuel Waldo to be executor. To sons Gideon (printed Gidens), Samuel, Thomas, and Ephraim he gave $1 each; to children William Stevens, Keziah Reynolds, Hannah Sherman, Deborah Parks, and Roger Stevens "equal share of the farm I bought of Roger Stevens lying on or near Otter Creek in the State of N.H."; also mentions Keziah's two sons Zebulon Soule and Ebenezer Soule. Then follows mention of wife Mary Stevens, and of four more children: Lydia, Susanna, Mary, and Joseph Stevens (at least the latter under 21.)

Since the traditional account above claims that the original will is located in Albany, it is possible that there was an appeal from the surrogate court by some of the heirs.

The Otter Creek referred to in the will is the one which flows north from Bennington County through Rutland and Middlebury into Lake Champlain. This is now entirely Vermont, but for some time before and after the Revolution was in dispute between both New Hampshire and New York. Benning Wentworth, as Governor of New Hamphire, claimed land for that province west on the border of Massachusetts to within 20 miles of the Hudson River. (See the recent discussion, "Benning Wentworth's Claims in the New Hampshire - New York Border Controversy..." by Prof. Allan R. Raymond in *Vermont History* XLIII (1975) 20-32.) To substantiate his claims, he gave numerous grants of land, which are described in the documents found in *New Hampshire State Papers*, volume XXVI. Otter Creek is mentioned several times in the index, and there was an "Eben^{r} Stevens" who was one of the grantees of New Haven (now Vermont) in 1761. The dispute from the New York point of view is described in an extensive correspondence of the

Colden Papers in *Collections of the New York Historical Society* IX-X, 1876-1877. In X 361 there is a letter from Lieutenant Governor Cadwallader Colden to General Gage, dated 12 September 1774: "We had before the Council...that the Benington Rioters, as they are call'd, have built a two story High Block House at Otter Creek, and that one Captain Hillock has the command of it." By 1783 the claims of New Hampshire had faded, but the Stevens grantees would naturally refer to their holdings as in that state, since it was their only chance of maintaining their claim. It appears not possible to tell whether any of the Stevens children later settled on the land, or were able to sell their claims "lying on or near Otter Creek in the State of N.H."

From the tradition that the second wife had ten children and the position of the present wife in the will, it appears that the first nine living children were by the second wife, and that the third wife Mary was the mother of the last four, of whom at least Joseph was born in 1763 or later. With some confidence the entire family may be reconstructed as follows, though the order of births may not be exact.

William[4] Stevens married, first, a woman who is unknown, and who died without issue. He married, second, ------- COREY, and they had the following children born in Dutchess County:

i. GIDEON[5] STEVENS appears on a tax list in Beekman's Precinct in June 1767, just before Pawling was set off as a separate precinct. The name of Gideon Stephens is found in Albany County in the 1800 census.

ii. SAMUEL STEVENS has been found in Pawling in deeds of 1784 and 1787. He married MARY HUNT, who was mentioned as a daughter in the will of Lewis Hunt, 1776.

iii. THOMAS STEVENS appears on the tax list of 1761 and 1762.

iv. EPHRAIM STEVENS.

v. WILLIAM STEVENS Junior in 1768 and 1769 bought land in Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He was an active land owner and trader there until 1787, and continued to live there until his death in 1826. Here is an abstract of Berkshire County LR 5-519: "Elnathan Bush of Sheffield yeoman for ninety pounds lawful money to William Stevens of Bateman's Patent in the County of Dutchess & province of New York, yeoman... One certain piece Tract or parcel of Land lying in Sheffield aforesaid on a place called bald hill the east side of the Housatonic River bounded South on Jonas Gelusian's land East on Oliver Sheads & David Clarks Land and Lands belonging (to) Theophilus Spaulding, North on the Highway and West on Land belonging to Phillip Callender and lands belonging (to) John Westover being a tract of land laid out (to) the Heirs of Japhet Bush containing ninety acres (and a) half, dated 25 October 1768, acknowledged and recorded the following day." This is the record of the deed, of which the original was described in the family account above. The will of William Stevens of Sheffield (Berkshire Co. PR #4568) was dated 21 November 1825 and witnessed by Sally Torrance, Norman Hurd, Edward F. Ensign. It was proved 12 September 1826 by the executor, William Stevens of Dover, New York. Heirs were wife Abigail; daughter Keziah Stevens; son William Stevens; daughters Betsey Nichols, Polly Heard, and Nabby Heard; grandson William Heard, son of Polly, to have 56 acres located in Denmark (now Lewis County) New York; son Ebenezer Stevens; daughter Margarey Bentley. Ebenezer[6] Stevens also lived in Dover, New York, where his gravestone was copied a few years ago in Valley View Cemetery: The grave of Ebenezer Stevens who died December 22, 1840 ae 66; Elizabeth widow of Ebenezer Stevens born October 1, 1782, died November 13, 1855 aged 73 years. Several children are buried with them.

vi. KEZIA STEVENS married (1) EBENEZER SOULE, who died by 1770, leaving sons Zebulon[6] Soule and Ebenezer Soule, mentioned in her father's will. Ebenezer Sr. was descended from George Soule of the *Mayflower*. Kezia married (2) ------- REYNOLDS.

vii. HANNAH STEVENS married WILLIAM SHEARMAN.

viii. DEBORAH STEVENS married ------- PARKS.

ix. ROGER STEVENS was presumably named for an apparently unrelated man of the same name, who was living in Pawling by 1740 and who had a son Roger Jr. old enough to be taxed in 1753.

William Stevens married, third, MARY ------, who survived him, and who was undoubtedly mother of the younger children:

x. LYDIA STEVENS.

xi. SUSANNA STEVENS.

xii. MARY STEVENS.

xiii. JOSEPH STEVENS, under 21 on 22 March 1783, when his father's will was written.

38. ABIGAIL[4] STEEVENS (*John*[3], *Thomas*[2], *John*[1]) was born in Killingworth 3 October 1704 and was living in Middletown 7 July 1761, when her husband wrote his will. She married in Guilford 19 June 1725 ISAAC DOUD (or DOWD), born Guilford "last week of" June 1700, died Middletown before 30 August 1769, son of John and Mary (Bartlett) Doud. They moved in 1728 or 1729 to the part of Middletown which is now Middlefield. His will, written 7 July 1761 and sworn 30 August 1769, mentions wife Abigail; son Isaac Dowd, deceased; son Ezra Dowd; three daughters: Chloe wife of Asaph Chilson, Abigail widow of Nathan Bacon, Deborah Dowd; son Amos Dowd the remainder and to be executor. It was witnessed by Samuel Green, Thomas Tibbals(?), and William Rockwell. The distribution made 26 December 1774 to the same heirs shows that Chloe was deceased, Abigail had a second husband (wrongly called Beriah Bacon), and Deborah had married a Spencer and was also deceased. (Middletown probate district no. 1240).

Children of Isaac and Abigail[4] (Steevens) Dowd, two recorded in Guilford, the rest born in Middletown:

i. AMOS[5] DOWD born 4 March 1726, died young.

ii. CHLOE DOWD born 26 September 1727, died Middletown 31 August 1761; married there 20 July 1749 ASAPH CHILSON, born Wallingford 9 March 1727, son of John and Sarah (Whitman) Chilson. His second wife was Lucretia Hanford of Fairfield.

iii. ISAAC DOWD born 30 January 1729/30, died Granville, Massachusetts 29 March 1761, leaving issue; married Middletown 9 December 1754 PHEBE STOW, possibly born Middletown 19 January 1734/5, removed in 1811 to Pomfret, Vermont, where she died 3 December 1813, daughter of Eliakim and Lydia (Miller) Stow.

iv. EZRA DOWD born 21 November 1732, died Canton 21 January 1814 (GS); married Middletown 12 June 1755 MARY TAYLOR, born Middletown 23 February 1737/8, died Burlington 10 April 1823, age 86 (GS East Church Cemetery), daughter of Samuel and Mary (Bevin) Taylor.

v. ABIGAIL DOWD born 26 March 1735, died November "last day" 1736.

vi. ABIGAIL DOWD born 29 September 1737, married (1) Middletown 3 April 1755 NATHAN BACON, born there 17 September 1729, died there 12 November 1760, son of Nathaniel and Jane (Bevin) Bacon; married (2) Middletown 2 June 1763 BERIAH WHETMORE Junior, born there 23 April 1707, son of Beriah and Mary (Stow) Whetmore. His first wife was Hannah Bowman. Confusion is caused by the error in the distribution mentioned above, when Abigail was called wife of Beriah Bacon in 1714, because there was indeed a Beriah Bacon. Proof is found in Middletown LR 22-119: Beriah Wetmore junior and Abigail his wife of Middletown quitclaim to Amos Churchel of Middletown their right to a tract in the town of Middletown, parish of Westfield, 100 acres lately given by Mister Isaac Doud of Middletown deceased to his three daughters, Chloe, above named Abigail, and Deborah, 20 February 1770, witnessed by Seth Wetmore, Olive Wetmore.

vii. ESTHER DOWD born 19 June 17(39) (1747 in Barbour), baptized 4 November 1739, died young.

viii. DEBORAH DOWD baptized 14 November 1742, died New Hartford 2 November 1773, age 30 (GS); married there 19 November 1765 JOHN SPENCER Junior, born there 26 January 1742, died there 9 January 1826, son of John and Mary (Hubbard) Spencer. His second wife was Jerusha Henderson.

ix. AMOS DOWD born 16 June 1744, married Middletown 20 October 1768 SARAH NORTON, possibly born Guilford 12 March 1748/9, buried Norfolk January 1787, daughter of Isaiah and Joannah (Morehouse) Norton.

39. ABEL[4] STEEVENS *(Thomas[3], Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 18 February 1698. Almost nothing is known of his life, except that he appears occasionally in Killingworth land records to about 1770. There is no record at all of his wife, but his uncle Ebenezer Steevens gave his home to Thaddeus, son of Abel, in his will (See Appendix D.)

Child of Abel[4] Steevens born Killingworth:

i. THADDEUS[5] STEEVENS was born in Killingworth soon after 1720 and died there 20 January 1779 (Clinton CR). His wife was RACHEL -----, by whom he had a daughter Rachel[6] born 10 May 1748. Thaddeus appears frequently in land records, but little else is known about him, and there is no probate of his estate.

40. SARAH[4] STEEVENS *(Thomas[3], Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 15 December 1700. She married in Saybrook 28 January 1724/5 DANIEL[5] POST Junior (see family no. 29), living 28 April 1755 when he signed with heirs of his aunt Sarah Carter. There is no record of their deaths.

Children of Daniel[5] and Sarah[4] (Steevens) Post born in Saybrook:

i. SIBELL[5]or[6] POST, born 12 February 1725/6.

ii. SAMUEL POST born 1728.

iii. AMBROSE POST baptized before April 1731.

iv. MARY POST baptized 5 March 1732.

v. EBENEZER POST baptized 10 March 1735.

vi. JANE POST baptized 10 April 1738.

vii. DANIEL POST baptized February 1741.

41. TIMOTHY[4] STEEVENS *(Timothy[3], Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford about 1697. He married in Killingworth 3 November 1720 MARY TOOLEY, probably born in Killingworth 4 June 1700, daughter of Christopher Tooley. Administration on the estate of "Mary Steevens, deceased, wife of Timothy" is found in Guilford probate district. She died 3 December 1763, according to the inventory. She owned a house lot and an old house worth only £8. Simeon Steevens signed bond as administrator 1 May 1764, and there were seven living children. The estate was settled on Simeon, he to pay the six living heirs (not named) and the heirs of Darius, deceased. It would appear that Timothy survived his wife.

Children of Timothy[4] and Mary (Tooley) Steevens recorded in Killingworth:

i. PHINEAS[5] STEEVENS born 23 August 1721, died young.

ii. SIMEON STEEVENS born 2 August 1723 and was offered communion in the Killingworth church 20 March 1757. He married about 1758 and had four children baptized there: Elizabeth[6] 1759, Simeon 1762, Charlotte 1764, Rosina 1766, but there is no record of his wife's name. The name of Simeon Stevens appears in the 1800 census for Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Mass., self and wife over 45 and one male 16-25.

iii. ELIZABETH STEEVENS born 12 March 1726, living 1763.

iv. MARY STEEVENS born 5 June 1728, living 1763.

v. DARIUS STEEVENS born 30 August 1730, deceased by 1763; married Killingworth 6 April 1752 LOIS WHAPLES. They were admitted to the Killingworth church 5 November 1752 and had a son Timothy[6] baptized the same day.

vi. PHINEAS STEEVENS born 25 April 1733, living 1763.

vii. LUKE STEEVENS born 4 August 1736; married in Killingworth 19 March 1762 LYDIA[5] CHITTENDEN (see family no. 55). They had three children born Killingworth: Mary[6] born 1764, William born 1767, Lucy born 1770, and removed to Castleton, Vermont.

viii. ESTHER STEEVENS born 11 June 1741, living 1763.

42. MARY[4] STEEVENS *(Timothy[3], Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth in 1698, aged 14 years in 1712, and was living unmarried 20 May 1717, but on 3 February 1726/7 she gave a deed in Killingworth (LR 4-85) with her husband EDMUND RIDER of New London. Again on 3 November 1727 (LR 4-114) Edmond and Mary Ryder of Killingworth quitclaimed to Daniel Griswould their right to the estate of her honoured father Timothy Steevens, deceased. It has proved impossible to trace them further, as they are not in any Connecticut VR, and have no mention in Parkhurst's manuscript of New London families, nor is his name in New London Land Records. The *Rider-Ryder Genealogy*, volume II (Middletown 1959) by Freemont Rider has this much information, but no more.

43. ABRAHAM[4] STEEVENS *(Timothy[3], Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford about 1705 and died in Killingworth 2 July 1789 aged 84. He married in Killingworth 3 February 1737 REBECCA[5] FARNUM, his cousin (see family no. 31), born Killingworth 12 February 1714/5, died there 28 May 1794 aged 82 (VR), a widow, daughter of Peter and Rebecca[4] (Rutty) Farnum. Administration on the estate of Abraham Steevens (Saybrook probate #2323) was granted to Joseph Griswold 6 October 1789. Dower was set to the widow Rebecca 15 January 1790 and distribution of a very small sum was made 9 July 1790 to Abraham Steevens, only son, and to the five daughters in order of age: Rebeckah Barret widow, eldest daughter; Phebe wife of Jedidiah Lane, second daughter; Sarah wife of James Hungerford, third daughter; Temprance, wife of Joseph Griswold, fourth daughter; and Abagail wife of Joel Kelcey, fifth daughter. There is no birth or baptismal record for the three youngest daughters.

Children of Abraham[4] and Rebecca[5] (Farnum) Steevens, partly recorded in Killingworth:

i. ROGER[5]or[6] STEEVENS born 21 March 1738, not mentioned in distribution.

ii. REBECCA STEEVENS born 12 March 1740, married in Salisbury 29 November 1763 HELDRICK BARRETT of Salisbury, who served in the Revolutionary War from Connecticut. She was a widow in 1790.

iii. PHEBE STEEVENS born 6 September 1742, married in Killingworth 11 June 1764 JEDEDIAH LANE, born Killingworth 20 July 1741, died 20 June 1818 age 77 (GS Union Cemetery, Killingworth), son of John Lane.

iv. ABRAHAM STEEVENS baptized in Killingworth on 13 October 1754, called "only son" in 1790.

v. SARAH STEEVENS, married in Killingworth on 7 April 1768 JAMES HUNGERFORD.

vi. TEMPERANCE STEEVENS, married Killingworth 21 September 1769 JOSEPH[6] GRISWOLD 3rd., born Killingworth 29 December 1743, son of Joseph and Rebecca[5] (Rutty) Griswold, see family no. 30. They removed Herkimer County, New York before 1810. She died 7 June 1821 aged 83. He died 18 August 1823 aged 78, gravestones in Eaton, New York. Four children.

vii. ABIGAIL STEEVENS, living Killingworth 1826, married 22 December 1774 JOEL KELSEY, born Killingworth 12 April 1741, died Killingworth between 4 November 1826 and 3 April 1827, son of Joseph and Abigail (Griswold) Kelsey.

44. ABIGAIL[4] STEEVENS *(Timothy[3], Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth in 1707. She married in Killingworth 24 November 1735 ANDREW TOOLEY, born Killingworth 4 February 1715/6, died there 1783 age 73 years *(sic.)*, son of Andrew and Sarah Tooley.

Children of Andrew and Abigail[4] (Steevens) Tooley recorded in Killingworth:

i. JEREMIAH[5] TOOLEY born 11 April 1736, died 13 September 1752.

ii. SAMUEL TOOLEY born 5 October 1737, died 30 April 1777, chose Abraham Wilcocks guardian 2 April 1754 (Guilford probate district).

iii. JOHN TOOLEY born 29 September 1739.

iv. ANDREW TOOLEY born 9 April 1741, married 2 June 1763 (Westbrook CR) ELIZABETH GRINNELL, born Saybrook 16 September 1740, daughter of Pabodie and Sarah (Barnes) Grinnell and great-granddaughter of John Alden of the *Mayflower*. Five children baptized at Westbrook.

v. PETER TOOLEY born 9 April 1743.

vi. ABIGAIL TOOLEY born 25 June 1745.

45. THOMAS[4] STEEVENS *(Timothy[3], Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth about 1710 and died there 5 April 1801 aged 91 (GS Old S.W. Cemetery). He married in Killingworth, first, 3 February 1731/2 REMEMBER BALDWIN, born Derby 20 August 1708, died Killingworth 7 December 1739, daughter of Josiah and Mary (Pierson) Baldwin; second, 10 or 11 May 1740 DOROTHY PARKER, born Saybrook 23 May 1713, died Killingworth 6 May 1798 aged 86 (Killingworth CR), 4 May in 86th year (GS), daughter of Joseph and Ruth Parker.

In all previous accounts of the Steevens family these marriages and children have been assigned to Thomas, recorded 7 August 1689, son of Thomas[3] Steevens (family no. 9), in spite of the fact that he would have been over 41 when married, but his age at death places his birth in 1710. Careful study of the family of Thomas[3] then proved that his son Thomas had died unmarried by the time he was twenty. Thomas, son of Timothy, later turned up in the probate of his father, with age 2 years in 1712.

The will of Thomas Steevens is found in Saybrook probate district #2350, dated 19 October 1791, with a codicil 22 February 1793, proved 24 April 1801; it mentions wife Dorothy; son Levi to live with her; three sons David, Parker, and Abel to have land in addition to what they have already had; son Levi dwelling house and land, subject to sale for his support; son Thomas land and to be executor; sons of my son Asa, late dec., the land where he lived (a double portion to Jeremiah); daughter Dorothy Redfield remainder of moveable estate. Distribution of real estate was ordered to David Steevens, Parker Steevens, Abel Steevens, Thomas Steevens, Levi Steevens, and to the sons of Asa Steevens: eldest Jeremiah, Pardon 2d, Asa 3d, Benjamin 4th, Amisa 5th, Lorin 6th, Julius 7th, completed on 31 July 1801. Thomas and both wives were members of the Killingworth church and had all their children baptized there.

Children of Thomas[4] and Remember (Baldwin) Steevens recorded in Killingworth:

i. LUCY[5] STEEVENS born 23 October 1732, married Durham 9 December 1752 DANIEL WRIGHT, baptized Durham 23 June 1723, son of James Wright. Lucy was not mentioned in her father's will.

ii. DAVID STEEVENS born 25 January 1736, died Richmond, Massachusetts 20 November (28 November VR) 1820 per DAR records; married RUTH BENTON, who died Richmond 4 April 1809 age 65. He served in the Revolutionary War in Massachusetts and is a DAR Patriot ancestor. His name is found in the 1790, 1800, and 1810 census records of Richmond. There is no probate for his estate, and no settlement recorded in Berkshire land records.

iii. DAN STEEVENS born 23 November 1739, not in his father's will.

Children of Thomas[4] and Dorothy (Parker) Steevens recorded in Killingworth:

iv. THOMAS STEEVENS born 6 February 1741, died Killingworth 17 February 1823 (VR and GS Old S.W. Cem.), 19 over 18 February age 82 (CR). He gave civil service during the Revolutionary War and is a DAR Patriot ancestor. He married in Killingworth 4 June 1770 SARAH REDFIELD, born there 15 December 1746, died there 6 January 1836 age 88 (GS), 1835 (CR), daughter of Peleg and Sarah (Dudley) Redfield. The will of Thomas is found in Saybrook probate #2351 and mentions all children except Abigail. Children born in Killingworth: Dan[6] born 1770; Ebenezer born 1772; Parker born 1774; Sarah born 1777, married Phinehas Lyon; Peleg born 1780; Abigail born 1783, died 1803; Thomas born 1787; Eli born 1789.

v. PARKER STEEVENS born 13 June 1743, died Richmond, Massachusetts 26 January 1827 age 83 (VR), 1826 (GS Cone Hill Cemetery). He married in Killingworth 28 May 1767 CONCURRENCE HULL, born Killingworth July 1748, died Richmond 24 February 1823 age 75 (1822 age 77 GS), daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Farnham) Hull. She is also called Concurrent and Currance. Parker served in the Revolutionary War in Massachusetts and is a DAR Patriot ancestor. His first purchase of land in Richmond was recorded in 1775. His will and probate is found in Berkshire probate #4853. It mentions deceased son Ansel[6] and his heirs; daughter Lydia, wife of Jabez Wood; daughter Clarinda wife of Joel Hubbard; daughter Hannah wife of Erastus Strong; daughter Lucy wife of Joseph D. Lynch; son Lyman and his wife Phebe. Lyman's petition lists the following residences: Lucy of Richmond; Hannah of Bloomfield, New York; Clarinda of Homer, New York; Lydia of state of Pennsylvania. The heirs of Ansel as of 27 January 1827 were: Perry Stevens of Bloomfield, New York; Olive wife of Charles Davis of Stockbridge; Lydia of parts unknown; and these minors in Stockbridge: William, Minerva, Electa, Nancy, Ansel, and one name unknown. Parker and Concurrent also had a daughter Olive, who died 20 August 1801 age 33 (G.S., Richmond).

vi. ABEL STEEVENS born 27 June 1745, received land in 1801, but not traced.

vii. LEVI STEEVENS born 17 June 1747, died 24 December 1817 age 70 (Killingworth CR), probably unmarried.

viii. ASA STEEVENS born 20 August 1749 (called Alanson in CR), died Killingworth 13 November 1789 (date mentioned in distribution of 6 June 1797 in Saybrook probate #2325), age 40. He married in Killingworth 22 April 1772 LOIS KELSEY, born there 5 July 1752, living 1790 census, daughter of Benjamin and Ruth (Willcox) Kelsey. She received dower in 1797. All ten living children had shares in 1797, and all seven sons had land from their grandfather in 1801. Children baptized Killingworth: Jeremiah[6] (eldest son); Sibe 1773, married Simeon Scranton; Thankful 1775; Pardon 1777; Asa 1779; Lois 1781; Benjamin 1782 died young; Benjamin 1784; Amasa; Lorin 1786; Julius 1788.

ix. DOROTHY STEEVENS born 30 June 1752, married Killingworth 5 November 1770 BERIAH REDFIELD, born there 21 November 1744, son of Peleg and Sarah (Dudley) Redfield.

x. HANNAH STEEVENS baptized 23 October 1757, not in father's will.

46. MARTHA[4] STEEVENS *(Timothy[3], Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth in 1712 and probably died in New York State. She married in Killingworth on 9 March 1731/2 PHINEAS SPENCER, born East Haddam 20 March 1701, died probably Spencertown, Columbia County, New York, son of Nathaniel and Lydia (Smith) Spencer. This account is based on Donald L. Jacobus, "The Four Spencer Brothers: Their Ancestors and Descendants," *TAG* 27 (1951) 184-5, plus an article by Mrs. William Clark in *TAG* 30 (1954) 250-252.

Children of Phineas and Martha[4] (Steevens) Spencer born in Haddam:

i. SAMUEL[5] SPENCER born 6 February 1732/3, had two children in Spencertown, New York.

ii. MARTHA SPENCER born 6 September 1734, married as second wife ABRAHAM CHASE, born Providence, Rhode Island 25 October 1734, died Hillsdale, Columbia County, New York 11 January 1795.

iii. JAMES SPENCER born 14 June 1736, died Yates County, New York in 1805 aged 70. He married ANNE ----, died 1806 aged 64. Twelve children in *TAG*.

iv. ABNER SPENCER (twin) born 30 August 1738.

v. PHEBE SPENCER (twin) born 30 August 1738.

vi. PHINEAS SPENCER Junior (probably) born 14 July 1746, died Otsego County, New York 24 January 1817; married ANNA HOLLAND, born Middletown 28 June 1750, died 1 December 1809, daughter of William and Tabitha Holland. Eight children in Family Bible. He served in New York in the Revolutionary War and is a DAR Patriot ancestor.

Perhaps others.

47. SARAH[4] LEE *(Abigail[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford 27 February 1690/1. Talcott says that she married Nicholas Bond, and the genealogies repeat this statement with the information that he was of Hebron. She could have married by 1710. Actually, the VR of Hebron give the marriage of Nicholas Bond to Anne Pratt 10 September 1717, followed by about seven births, 1719-1730, in which the mother is not mentioned. The will of Nicholas Bond, Colchester probate #306, dated at Hebron 4 February 1760 and proved in 1761, mentions five of these seven children, with provisions for his wife, who is nowhere named. There is a possiblity that Nicholas Bond did marry Sarah Lee for his first wife, though no such record exists and his exact age is unknown. One may think that his first child, Sarah, was named for his first wife, but it appears that if such a marriage ever took place, the first wife left no surviving children.

48. LEMUEL[4] LEE *(Abigail[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford 1 December 1693 and moved to Middletown by 1721, where he was living in 1752. He married, first, in Guilford 21 February 1715/6 MARY (Margaret in Barbour) BURNET, died Guilford 2 or 3 March 1719, said to be daughter of Dan Burnet of Southampton, Long Island, New York. He married, second, in Middletown 8 June 172- MARY WEST, born there 1 April 1699, died there 13 January 1752, daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (West) West. He perhaps married, third, in Middletown 2 November 1752 THANKFUL RICH.

Child of Lemuel[4] and Mary (Burnet) Lee born Guilford:

i. SAMUEL[5] LEE (given as Sarah in Talcott) born 26 March 1717, perhaps married in Middletown 28 March 1751, RHODA BLISS, born there on 12 March 1731/2, daughter of Thomas and Lois (Cadwell) Bliss.

Children of Lemuel[4] and Mary (West) Lee recorded in Middletown:

ii. ANNA LEE born 1 March 1722/3, died 15 December 1746, unmarried.

iii. MARY LEE born 8 October 1724.

iv. MINDWELL LEE born 13 May 1726, died 16 June 1743, unmarried.

v. LEMUEL LEE born 11 May 1729, died (23 Talcott) December 1746, unmarried.

vi. ABIGAIL LEE born 8 April 1733, died on 16 December 1749.

vii. LEWIS (or LEVI) LEE born 23 July 1739, died 14 December 1746.

49. THOMAS[4] LEE *(Abigail[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford 16 August 1696. He married there 15 November 1723 ELIZABETH[5] SANFORD (see family no. 21). The year of the birth of the first child is given as 17(22) in the Barbour collection; to accomodate this presumed year Talcott had placed the marriage in 1721. Talcott says that Elizabeth died 9 March 1746 and that the family moved to Berlin, a town which was not formed until 1785; also that Thomas went with his brother Lemuel. No further trace can be found of him or of his sons.

Children of Thomas[4] and Elizabeth[5] (Sanford) Lee recorded in Guilford:

i. STEPHEN[5]or[6] LEE born 16 October 1724 or 1725.

ii. EDWARD LEE born 17 January 1727/8.

iii. THOMAS LEE born 13 October 1730.

50. EBENEZER[4] LEE *(Abigail[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford 25 February 1699 and died there 24 September 1751. He married in Guilford 16 May 1721 SARAH CHIDSEY, born Guilford 13 May 1700, died there 7 March 1788, according to Talcott, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Chidsey. There is distribution of Ebenezer's estate in Guilford probate district.

Children of Ebenezer[4] and Sarah (Chidsey) Lee, five recorded in Guilford:

i. MARY[5] LEE born 2 May 1722, died young, in Talcott, but not in Barbour.

ii. ELON LEE born 16 May 1724, died 10 May 1806, married Guilford 16 May 1750 ELIZABETH HOTCHKISS, born Guilford 7 October 1731, died there 29 March 1818, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Averill) Hotchkiss. He served in the Revolutionary War and is a DAR Patriot ancestor. Much data on his family in the Lee Genealogy pages 56-57.

iii. RACHEL LEE born 23 February 1726/7, died Guilford 4 March 1811, married 1761 JASPER GRIFFING of Guilford, perhaps born Lyme 10 December 1726, died Guilford 1 November 1800, son of Jasper and Mary (Reed) Griffin. His first wife was Mindwell Stone.

iv. RHODA LEE born 9 (29 Talcott) November 1728, died 1 November 1736.

v. SARAH LEE born 2 June 1732, died 20 June 1741.

vi. LUCY LEE born 1734 (Genealogy), 1740 (Talcott), married Guilford 7 (27 Talcott) December 1758 JOHN NORTON Junior born Saybrook 1 March 1734, son of John and Deborah Norton.

vii. WILLIAM LEE born 1741, died 29 April 1795, married 23 May 1770 EUNICE HOTCHKISS, born Guilford 1754, died 27 February 1827, daughter of Mark and Miriam (Lee) Hotchkiss. He served in the Revolutionary War and is a DAR Patriot ancestor. There is much data in the Lee Genealogy page 57, which has eight children.

51. ABIGAIL[4] LEE *(Abigail[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford 9 May 1699?, and died in East Haddam 27 January 1767 aged 63 (61st year GS). She married in East Haddam 5 February 1724 DAVID[5] CHAPMAN, see family no. 19. He died East Haddam 18 June 1775 aged 77. He left a will, dated 7 June 1775 and proved 14 October 1775, which is found in Colchester probate #662. It mentions wife Sarah (evidently a second wife); son David; son Jonathan; daughter Abigail, wife of Benjamin Scovel; son Ezekiel; daughter Phebe, wife of Daniel Steward; daughter Mercy, wife of Samuel Pinnock; daughter Eunice; daughter Lois, wife of Benjamin Steward; son Isaiah; son Edward. His brother Caleb Chapman was designated executor, but son Edward signed a bond as administrator with the will annexed on 10 April 1776.

Children of David[5] and Abigail[4] (Lee) Chapman recorded in East Haddam:

i. DAVID[5]or[6] CHAPMAN born 6 November 1726, died 8 August 1768 (Hebron and East Haddam VR); married Hebron 8 January 1764 MEHITABLE STEWARD. No issue.

ii. JONATHAN CHAPMAN born 25 September 1729, died Vernon 19 December 1813 aged 84; married 25 February 1752 MARY STEWARD, probably baptized Colchester 4 March 1739, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Robinson) Steward. Eight children.

iii. ABIGAIL CHAPMAN born 26 August 1731, called wife of BENJAMIN SCOVIL in her father's will. Five children.

iv. EZEKIEL CHAPMAN born 21 February 1733/4, married 30 January 1755 (East Haddam CR) ABIGAIL NILES of Colchester, born Colchester 4 September 1730, daughter of John Niles (cf. *New England Historical Genealogical Register* volume 85, page 148). They removed to Vermont in 1775, where he died before father's distribution in 1780; heirs Ezekiel[6], Abigail, Israel, Silas, Mary, and John, who in 1790 were living, some of Athens, Windham County, Vermont and some in Pawlet, Rutland County, Vermont. Ten children in all.

v. RHODA CHAPMAN born 27 February 1735, died 9 February 1760, unmarried.

vi. PHEBE CHAPMAN born 9 September 1736, married 11 January 1762 (East Haddam CR) DANIEL STEWARD of Litchfield, born Colchester 2 April 1745, son of Daniel and Margaret (Robinson) Steward.

vii. MARCY CHAPMAN born 18 May 1738, called Mercy wife of SAMUEL PINNOCK in her father's will; he possibly born Middletown 29 March 1741, son of James and Thankful (Boardman) Pennock.

viii. EBENEZER CHAPMAN born 10 November 1740, died 4 September 1760 in his 20th year (70th in Barbour).

ix. ISAIAH CHAPMAN born 17 July 1743, married East Haddam 29 October 1764, HEZEDIAH SAWYER, perhaps an unrecorded daughter of James and Hezediah (Bartlett) Sawyer. They had Isaiah[6] born East Haddam 1766 and Eunice born 1772.

x. EUNICE CHAPMAN born 8 March 1745, married SOLOMON SPENCER born East Haddam 26 June 1748, son of Hezekiah and Sarah (Scovil) Spencer. Seven children.

xi. LOIS CHAPMAN born 13 September 1747, died East Haddam 27 December 1818, married there 14 December 1769 BENJAMIN STEWART, born Hebron 9 September 1747, son of James Steward. Three children.

xii. MARTHA CHAPMAN born 13 September 1747, given in the *Chapman Genealogy* as a twin of Lois, died young, not in Barbour.

xiii. EDWARD CHAPMAN born 18 June 1751, died Plainville 7 April 1830 aged 79 (GS East Cemetery). No issue. The *Chapman Genealogy* says only that he married (2) MABEL HEWLET and had no children. She may have been the one born Middletown 30 January 1776, daughter of Joseph and Mabel (Atkins) Hewlitt.

52. PHEBE[4] CHITTENDEN *(Elizabeth[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 23 January 1691 and died after 1758. She married, first, in Killingworth WILLIAM[5] KELSEY (see family no. 24). His first wife Sarah Wilcox died 21 December 1721. Phebe married, second, in Guilford 31 August 1758 ABRAHAM DOWD, born Guilford 22 August 1691, died there 12 March 1768 in his 77th year, son of Thomas and Ruth (Johnson) Dowd. He had four children by his first wife Jane Doud.

Child of William[5] and Phebe[4] (Chittenden) Kelsey born in Killingworth:

i. ELIZABETH[5] or[6] KELSEY born 28 December 1724, died Westbrook 1 March 1791 age 66 (CR); married (1) Saybrook? 1 March 1744 CHRISTOPHER DENISON, born about 1720, died Westbrook before 16 February 1762, son of Samuel and Mary (Lay) (Miner) Denison; married (2) 24 June 1768 ROBERT LAY, born Saybrook 20 December 1705, died 1 January 1790 in his 84th year (GS Westbrook), son of Robert and Mary (Grinnell) Lay, and descendant of John Alden of the *Mayflower*. Robert had eight children by his first wife Jemima Pratt.

53. TIMOTHY[4] CHITTENDEN *(Elizabeth[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Guilford or Killingworth 19 August 1694 and died in Killingworth 2 June 1776 (not 1767 as in the *Chittenden Gen.*) He married in Killingworth 14 February 1721/2 DOSITHEAS[4] STEEVENS (family no. 8). She was alive 15 September 1777. Administration of his estate in Guilford probate district has his death date in the inventory and a distribution ordered 15 September 1777 to the following: widow, Timothy eldest son, Elisabeth eldest daughter, heirs of Dinah second daughter deceased, heir of Phebe third daughter deceased, Dothisias fourth daughter, Prudence youngest daughter.

Dositheus is a name of Greek origin, which goes back before the second century. When Dositheas Steevens was born, a more famous Dositheus had been Patriarch of Jerusalem for almost thirty years, but in view of his strong efforts to abolish the influence of Protestantism on the Greek Church, it is doubtful that he was the direct reason for this

unusual name, beyond the possibility that the girl's parents were attracted by a name with religious connotations. That the name really was strange and not well understood is proved by the form Dothisias, which is sometimes found. The proper feminine form of this name is Dorothea or Dorothy, and all the forms mean "gift of God."

Children of Timothy[4] and Dositheas[4] (Steevens) Chittenden born in Killingworth, mother "Dorothea", not all recorded:

i. ELIZABETH[5] CHITTENDEN born 22 November 1722, living 15 September 1777, married in Killingworth 26 December 1744 JOHN[5] WRIGHT (see family no. 26).

ii. DINAH CHITTENDEN born 8 (28 *Gen.*) January 1723/4, died before 1757, married in Killingworth 2 November 1752 (KCR) SAMUEL TEEL, born Concord, Massachusetts 22 July 1726, son of Oliver and Prudence Teel. He married (2) 1757 Ann or Hannah Field. Dinah had one recorded daughter Phebe[6] born 1754.

iii. PHEBE CHITTENDEN born 12 (11 *Gen.*) April 1725, died Saybrook 25 February 1746/7; married Saybrook 12 January 1743/4 BENJAMIN JONES, son of Samuel Jones, and had one heir mentioned in the distribution of her father's estate in 1777.

iv. TIMOTHY CHITTENDEN, no birth record, married Killingworth (CR) 18 November 1756 ABIGAIL WARD, born Killingworth 22 January 1731/2, daughter of Peletiah and Jerusha Ward. Seven children born Killingworth, may have removed to Vermont after 1773.

v. REUBEN CHITTENDEN, no birth record, died 28 October 1755.

vi. DOSITHEAS CHITTENDEN, no birth record, died 17 July 1813 unmarried.

vii. PRUDENCE CHITTENDEN born July 1738, living 1777, married Killingworth 29 May 1758 ELIAKIM STEEVENS (for family see "Unplaced").

54. ELIZABETH[4] CHITTENDEN *(Elizabeth[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 7 March 1699 and died there 7 April 1722. She married in Killingworth 2 June 1719 ROBERT HURD, baptized Woodbury 16 October 1693, died East Haddam aged 102 (*New London Gazette* issue of 28 July 1796), son of Ebenezer and Sarah (Pickett) (Lane) Hurd. He married, second, 11 November 1724 Elizabeth Williams and removed to East Haddam. He left a will.

Children of Robert and Elizabeth[4] (Chittenden) Hurd born in Killingworth:

i. SARAH[5] HURD born 17 March 1720, died 14 August 1721.

ii. JUSTUS HURD born 2 April 1722, died Gilsum, New Hampshire 31 March 1804 *(Hurd Genealogy)*, married 20 May 1746 RACHEL FULLER. Ten children in the *Hurd Genealogy*. Rachel was born East Haddam 24 February 1727, daughter of Shubael and Hannah (Crocker) Fuller and was fifth in descent from Edward Fuller of the *Mayflower*.

55. NATHANIEL[4] CHITTENDEN *(Elizabeth[3] Steevens, Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 6 June 1701 and died in the Havanah expedition in August 1762 aged 61. He married in Killingworth 6 January 1724/5 LUCY NETTLETON, possibly born 1699, daughter of John and Sarah (Woodmansie) Nettleton. She died in July 1762. His will, probated in Guilford district, mentions wife Lucy, Daniel eldest son (had been trained as a joyner), Nathaniel second son, Daniel and Hubble Carter children of Rebeckah my eldest daughter deceased, daughters Lucy and Lydia. It was dated 24 August 1762 and proved 17 December 1762. Lieutenant Daniel Griswold was executor. An agreement signed 21 June 1763 shows Lucy the daughter as wife of Michael "Meriet" and Lydia as wife of Luke Steevens.

Children of Nathaniel[4] and Lucy (Nettleton) Chittenden recorded in Killingworth:

i. REBECCA[5] CHITTENDEN born 28 September 1727, died before 24 August 1762, married Killingworth 14 May 1746 DANIEL CARTER, born Killingworth 23 January 1724/5, died there 1 October 1751, son of John and Sarah (Nettleton) Carter. She left sons Daniel[6] and Hubble (Hubbell) Carter, mentioned in the will of both grandfathers, John Carter and Nathaniel Chittenden.

ii. DANIEL CHITTENDEN born 27 August 1729, married Killingworth 1 December 1751 GRACE[5] WATEROUS (see family no. 71.) Information in *Chittenden Genealogy* on children born Killingworth.

iii. NATHANIEL CHITTENDEN born 21 June 1731, died 11 January 1820 (GS Clinton); married MEHITABLE BEEBE, perhaps born Saybrook 23 November 1734, daughter of Ephraim and Thankfull (Stone) Beebe. He served in the Revolutionary War and is a DAR Patriot ancestor. More information in *Genealogy*.

iv. LUCY CHITTENDEN born 25 April 1736, married Guilford 12 March 1760 MICHAEL MERRET, born Guilford 27 July 1738, died Fair Haven, Vermont 18 August 1815 (DAR records), son of James and Catharine Merret. He married (2) Sarah (Olney) Hawkins. More information in *Merritt Records*.

v. LYDIA CHITTENDEN born 21 July 1740, married Killingworth 9 or 19 March 1762 LUKE[5] STEEVENS (see family no. 41).

56. JONATHAN[4] STEEVENS *(Jonathan[3], Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 3 July 1711 and died there 25 July 1773. He married in Killingworth 3 December 1741 MARCY HOLMES, born there 27 May 1720, daughter of Cornelius and Elizabeth Holmes.

Children of Jonathan[4] and Marcy (Holmes) Steevens recorded in Killingworth:

i. ROSWELL[5] STEEVENS born 26 May 1742. The *Genealogy* by Mrs. Holmes is incorrect in making him the husband of Tryal Rogers (see family no. 79).

ii. JONATHAN STEEVENS born 3 April 1745 or 1746, married 29 December 1766 JERUSHA GRISWOLD.

iii. AUGUSTUS STEEVENS born 13 April 1747, died 20 April 1747.

iv. PATIENCE STEEVENS born 16 September 1748, married 8 October 1773 PETER[6] STEEVENS, son of James[5] (see family no. 20).

v. MARCY STEEVENS born 13 February 1750, married Killingworth 15 March 1770 SAMUEL GRIFFIN, possibly born Killingworth 10 February 1739, son of Samuel and Mary Griffin.

vi. BARNABAS STEEVENS born 27 April 1753, died 22 July 1754.

vii. BARNABAS STEEVENS born 11 April 1756.

viii. OLIVE STEEVENS born 28 May 1757.

ix. EBENEZER (BENAGOR in Barbour) STEEVENS born 21 December 1761.

57. EBENEZER[4] STEEVENS (*Jonathan*[3], *Thomas*[2], *John*[1]) was born in Killingworth 4 April 1713 and died in Salisbury between 1 July 1798 (date of will) and 3 September 1798 (when the executor designated refused to serve). He married in Killingworth 3 (2 CR) December 1742 LUCY GRISWOLD, born Killingworth 23 March 1721, died 24 February 1811, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail (Norton) Griswold. The *American Mercury* notice of her death (issue 28 March 1811) states that she had 15 children, 100 grandchildren, and 142 great-grandchildren. Ebenezer was admitted to the Killingworth church 18 January 1737/8. He bought land in Salisbury 25 April 1752, and he and his wife joined the church there in 1763. He had much military service, and was corporal, ensign, and quartermaster in the Revolutionary War and is a DAR Patriot ancestor, called "Lieut." at the time of his death.

Salisbury probate folder #3099 does not have all the original papers in the estate of Ebenezer Steevens. The will has not been preserved, but was recorded in Sharon probate book I-9, pages 538-539, not recorded until 1804. Josiah Reed had presented the will 3 September 1798 and refused to accept trust as executor. Letters of administration with the will annexed were granted to Adin Stephens on 3 October 1798 (the name is regularly spelled Stephens in the probate papers and throughout the copy of the will, which may be found in Mrs. Holmes' book, page 125, with some variants in spelling of the names of the daughters). Correct date of the will is *first* of July (not fourth) and the second witness (name very difficult to read) is apparently John Pounier, as that name is found in land records. The will disposed of all personal estate to the wife and daughters, and did not mention the two surviving sons, who had already received all the land. Final distribution was made 12 October 1811 (after the widow's death) to Zadya Hamilton, Aseneth Harrison, Abigail Smith, Beulah Gould, Thankful Calkins, Mindwell Canfield, and Lydia Allen.

Children of Ebenezer[4] and Lucy (Griswold) Steevens, five born Killingworth, eight born Salisbury:

i. DEBORAH[5] STEEVENS born 10 November 1743, said to have married JAMES COON, possibly born Canaan 11 March 1744, son of John and Elizabeth Coon. Not mentioned in her father's will.

ii. LUCY STEEVENS born 20 January 1744/5, married Salisbury 27 November 1768 ZERAH BEACH, born 1746, died after 1790 (DAR records). Not mentioned in her father's will.

iii. ZADA (copy of father's will) (EADY in Barbour, perhaps ZADY in original VR) STEEVENS born 12 March 1748/9, married in Sharon on 3 August 1769 Doctor JOSEPH HAMILTON. They had children born in Sharon and are said to have removed to Hudson, New York.

iv. ASENATH STEEVENS born 2 March 1750, married Captain JARED HARRISON of Salisbury.

v. ABIGAIL STEEVENS born 7 (17 *Gen.*) February 1752 (baptized 2 February CR), married 1772 Captain Nathaniel Smith.

vi. BEULAH STEEVENS born 7 August 1753, married EBENEZER GOULD.

vii. EBENEZER STEEVENS born 29 June 1755, said to have died in the Revolutionary War while a Lieutenant under Montgomery at Quebec. Heitman's *Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army during the War of the Revolutionary*, page 518, shows an Ebenezer Stevens of Connecticut, Corporal of Warner's Continental Regiment 25 April 1779; Ensign 7 August 1779; Regiment Quartermaster 7 September 1780; killed at Fort George 11 October 1780. There is also a report that he was taken prisoner.

viii. FREDERICK STEEVENS born 6 July 1757, said to have died in the Revolutionary War while a Lieutenant under Montgomery at Montreal; no record in Connecticut Archives.

ix. THANKFUL STEEVENS born 2 April 1759, died 3 July 1837 (GS Milton, Bradford County, Pennsylvania) married in Salisbury on 7 December 1780 MOSES CALKINS, born on 8 February 1757 at Morris Store, Oblong, New York, died 25 May 1837 (DAR records), son of John and Abigail (Northrop) Calkins. He served in the Revolutionary War in Pennsylvania. A manuscript at NEHGS lists 12 children from Salt Lake City Archives.

x. MINDWELL STEEVENS born 9 May 1761, married SEBA CANFIELD, born Derby 2 January 1762, son of Doctor Samuel and Mary (Basset) Canfield.

xi. LYDIA STEEVENS born 15 August 1762, died 27 February 1842 in Lycoming, Pennsylvania, married NATHANIEL ALLEN, said born in Rhode Island 1761, died Lycoming 10 February 1839, served as private in New York (DAR records). Six children listed in *Boston Transcript* #6677, 19 April 1928.

xii. JOEL STEEVENS born 26 (27 VR) March 1765, married 15 February 1790 LYDIA[6] HURD, born Salisbury 27 April 1770, daughter of Abraham and Mary[5] (Wilcox) Hurd (see family no. 62). They removed to Spencer, New York about 1800. Full details of twelve children and many descendants in the Holmes *Genealogy* pp. 33-34.

xiii. ADIN STEEVENS born 7 June 1768, died Detroit, Michigan 1838, married 25 March 1792 ABIGAIL BRADLEY, born Salisbury 17 May 1770, died on 8 November 1815 in her 46th year, daughter of Daniel and Rebeckah Bradley. Full details of five children and descendants in *Genealogy* page 34.

58. STILES[4] STEEVENS *(Jonathan[3], Thomas[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 26 June 1723, died in Hillsdale, Columbia County, New York between 16 April 1789 and 12 April 1790. He married, first, in Killingworth 17 April 1746 MARCY WELLMAN, born Killingworth 11 December 1722, daughter of Gideon and Concurrence Wellman; married, second, in Killingworth 24 May 1753 ESTHER TIBBALS; married, third, in Saybrook 23 July 1760 (CR) 1769 (Killingworth VR) ELIZABETH MOREHOUSE, born Saybrook 21 November 1735, living 16 April 1789, daughter of Thomas and Prudence (Wright) Morehouse. On 11 August 1769 Stiles and Elizabeth sold her share in the estate of Thomas Morehouse (Saybrook LR 8-85). Soon after, they left Killingworth, and were living in Hillsdale when he died. His will in Columbia County (probate book I page 68), dated 16 April 1789 and probated 12 April 1790, mentions wife Elizabeth, sons Bela (also called Beale), Stephen, and Stiles; daughters Cloe, Ester, Elisabeth, Temperance, and Asuba; grandchildren Lodewick Putnam Steevens and Eloranda Steevens. Beale Steevens was designated executor with Benjamin Berdsall; the witnesses were Amos Miller, Ambrose Latting, George Bushnell.

Children of Stiles[4] and Marcy (Wellman) Steevens recorded in Killingworth:

i. CHLOE[5] (NEOMEY in Barbour) STEEVENS born 17 November 1747, mentioned in her father's will. Several sources state that she married 13 January 1774 ELISHA KELSEY 2nd, but his wife in that record and as mother of his children was designated as Sarah, not Chloe.

ii. AMASA STEEVENS born 27 April 1750, died near Johnston, New York 21 or 22 May 1780, married MARGARET PUTMAN, baptized Albany, New York 29 August 1754, daughter of Lodevick and Elizabeth (Soets) Putman of Dutch ancestry. Margaret's father, husband, and one brother were killed by Indians. One son Lodovick Putman[6] Steevens born 8 November 1777, and a daughter Eloranda mentioned in their grandfather's will.

Amasa served as a corporal in the Revolutionary War in New York, according to the book of DAR Patriot ancestors. In 1770 before leaving Connecticut he and his sister Chloe gave deed to their interest through their mother in the estate of their grandfather, Gideon Wellman. Amasa was in Salisbury in 1771.

Child of Stiles[4] and Esther (Tibbals) Steevens recorded in Killingworth:

iii. ESTHER STEEVENS born 15 March 1754, mentioned in her father's will.

Children of Stiles[4] Steevens, most, if not all, by Elizabeth Morehouse and probably born in New York:

iv. child, not named, died Clinton March 1765 (CR).

v. BELA STEEVENS.

vi. STEPHEN STEEVENS.

vii. STILES STEEVENS. One of this name is found in the township of Washington in the 1800 census for New York State, aged 26-45.

viii. ELIZABETH STEEVENS.

ix. TEMPERANCE STEEVENS.

x. AZUBAH STEEVENS.

FOURTH AND FIFTH GENERATIONS

PART TWO

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM[2] STEEVENS

59. TEMPERANCE[4] STEEVENS *(Samuel[3], William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth about 1683 and died in Huntington, Long Island, New York 9 January 1742/3 in her 61st year (GS Presbyterian Church Cemetery). She married 20 August 1709 (see her father's probate) RICHARD DENTON, born about 1687, son of Richard and Mary (Thurston) Denton (*Boston Transcript* 13 April 1921, no. 8528.2 by MWDD, and *Gen. of the Desc. of Rev. Richard Denton of Hempstead, L.I.*, compiled by George D. A. Combes, Rockville Centre, L.I. 1936, pp. 24, 45ff.) Richard Denton of Jamaica, Queens County, weaver, gave a power of attorney to his wife Temperance Denton 11 July 1722 (Killingworth LR 3-116). She returned to Killingworth and on 4 August 1722 signed by mark when she sold to Samuel Willcocks for 14 shillings her interest in "5 acres of salt meadow now in the possession of my mother-in-law Malletiah Steevens, widow of Killingworth, as part of her thirds." By present terminology mother-in-law would be called step-mother.

Children of Richard and Temperance[4] (Steevens) Denton probably born in Jamaica, Long Island:

i. RICHARD[5] DENTON born about 1711, married 24 February 1736 TABITHA ROGERS. Ten children.

ii. JOHN DENTON born about 1716, died 1789, married in Huntington, L.I. 23 January 1738/9 ELIZABETH KELSEY, born probably Hartford about 1718, daughter of James and Elizabeth Kelsey. Ten children.

iii. TEMPERANCE DENTON, married THOMAS BRUSH and resided at Huntington, Long Island. Eight children.

iv. BENJAMIN DENTON born 1721, married REBECCA KETCHAM and resided at Huntington. Seven children.

60. JOHN[4] STEEVENS *(Samuel[3], William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth in 1685 and died there 4 December 1745 aged 60 (GS Clinton). He married in Killingworth 15 March 1709/10 (not 1713) ELIZABETH GRINNELL, born Little Compton, Rhode Island or Saybrook, Connecticut, daughter of Daniel and Lydia (Pabodie) Grinell, and a descendant of John Alden of the *Mayflower*. There are three dates reported for her death: 25 January 1747 *(Genealogy)*, 20 January 1748 age 61 (GS), or 26 February 1748 (Talcott).

There has been much difficulty with the identity of this John, as he could also be John[4], John[3], Thomas[2], John[1], born 29 December 1689, and he was so identified by Mrs. Holmes in her *Steevens Genealogy* (1906). But there was also a John Steevens, son of Samuel, born 1685 according to his father's probate. Mrs. Holmes does not carry this John forward. Talcott says that John born 1685, died 1742, and lists as children without birthdates only three of the six children. After detailed study there seems to be no question of the identification as given above for the following reasons:

1. Captain John Steevens died 4 December 1745 aged 60 by his gravestone in Clinton. This age places birth in 1685, and the 1745 probate proves that the wife was Elizabeth, and the children were as recorded.
2. John and Elizabeth used Samuel for the name of a son, which would be for John's father and brother.
3. In Killingworth LR 7-346 William Steevens of Killingworth, cordwinder, grants certain rights "to the Heirs of my brother, Capt. John Steevens, deceased, 11 Jan. 1747/8." This is less decisive, since each of the two Johns had a brother William, but a special study of the two Williams has already shown that William, son of John, went to Dutchess County, New York while William, son of Samuel, remained in Killingworth.
4. A study was made of all John Steevens deeds in Killingworth, more than 30 in all. There may be confusion from LR 3 - 7, an indenture made 14 April 1715 between John Stevens of Killingworth, "cordwinder," and John Stevens of Killingworth, blacksmith, signed by "John Stevens sener."

Actually, some of the deeds of John the blacksmith are dated in 1725 and 1726, after the death of John[3] Steevens, who was a cordwainer. John the blacksmith does not refer to the other John as his son in the deed. There are also deeds from Samuel Steevens, John and Elizabeth Hubbard and Mary Willcocks "to our brother John Steevens blacksmith" for interest in the estate of their father Samuel Steevens, deceased. John the blacksmith, as he acquired military titles, changed his designation from Ensign in 1727 to Captain, a position which he held at his death.
5. A previous study of the estate of John[3] Steevens did not show any indication that his son John was alive in 1722. Finally, the deeds after that date do not require the existence of more than one John Steevens in Killingworth up to 1745. Some difficulty, however, has been caused by an erroneous report of a gravestone for a John who died in 1742. There is no such stone, and never has been. For these reasons it has been concluded without any doubt that the John Steevens who married Elizabeth Grinnell was the son of Samuel.

The administration of Capt. Jn^{o} Steevens of Killingworth is found in Guilford probate. The bond was signed by Elizabeth Steevens and Eliakim Steevens on 12 March 1745/6, with Sam^{ll} Steevens as surety. Inventory had been taken the preceding January, including 22 pieces of real estate and many items with a total value of £ 3837:11:7. A distribution was brought in by Abra^{m} Pierson Esq. on March ye 25th 1748 for the following heirs: Eliakim Steevens eldest son, Samuel Steevens second son, Lydia (elsewhere Lydia Parker) the eldest daughter, Elizabeth the second daughter, Jemima Griffith third daughter.

The will of "Elezebeth" Steevens is found in Guilford probate, dated 19 January 1747/8 and proved 6 February following, witnessed by Rebecca Wellman, George Grenell, Josiah Rosseter. After a bequest of £5 to Jemima Griffis, the balance was divided among Eliakim Steevens, Samuel Steevens, Lidia Parker, and Elisabeth Steevens.

Children of John[4] and Elizabeth (Grinnell) Steevens recorded in Killingworth:

i. ELIAKIM[5] STEEVENS born 16 February 1710/1, died in Killingworth before 19 June 1758 when his will was proved. It was dated 10 December 1751 and witnessed by Rosewell Redfield, John Redfield, and Benjamin Gales. It gave all real estate to two nephews John Steevens and Samuel Steevens, only sons of my brother Samuel Steevens, and personal estate to niece Grace Parker, my two sisters Lydia Parker and Elizabeth Steevens to have the use of the house until my nephews are twenty-one; "uncle" Samuel Steevens to be executor. Inventory totaled £ 304=12=5. Although Talcott says that Eliakim married Hannah Whittlesey, no such record has been found, and he was certainly unmarried and childless in 1751.

ii. JOHN STEEVENS born 21 January 1715/6, died 11 September 1720.

iii. SAMUEL STEEVENS born 7 May 1718, died on 2 October 1752 in his 33rd year "Ensign" (GS). He married in Killingworth 24 December 1741 HANNAH RUSSELL of Guilford, born Branford 26 September 1722, died Killingworth 21 September 1758, daughter of Samuel and Dorothy (Smithson) Russell. She married (2) in Killingworth 24 July 1754 Daniel Crane junior, who had earlier married Samuel's sister Lydia (see below). Administration on Ensign Samuel Steevens in Guilford probate was granted to widow Hannah 8 November 1751. All five of the minor children were listed. In 1769 Hannah Steevens gave a receipt to her guardian John Redfield, and John and Samuel to their guardian John Richards. Children born Killingworth: Elizabeth[6] born 1742; John 1744; Hannah 1745; Samuel 1747 (James in Barbour); Tempe (Temperance) 1749, married 1769 Joseph Griswold 3rd. In Clinton there is a GS for a child stillborn 11 June 1752.

iv. LYDIA STEEVENS (Ledy VR) born 26 June 1721, died before 1754, married (1) Killingworth 25 September 1743 ISAAC PARKER, born on 29 February 1720, died 17 November 1745, son of Isaac and Grace (Hale) Parker. One child Grace[6] Parker born 1744. She married (2) 25 October 1752 as first wife DANIEL CRANE, born Killingworth 26 January 1725/6, died there 27 January 1784 (GS Clinton), son of Daniel Crane. Daniel married (3) 1759 Elizabeth Isbell.

v. ELIZABETH STEEVENS born 17 April 1724, perhaps married in Killingworth 10 November 1749 SILVANUS KELSEY, born there 1 June 1723, died there 9 January 1783, son of Isaac and Jane (Crane) Kelsey. Elizabeth died 18 November 1783. No children.
It seems peculiar that Elizabeth's brother Eliakim gave her permission to live in his house when she was already married, but it is certain that he gave permission also to his youngest sister Jemima who was definitely married at the time.

vi. JEMIMA STEEVENS born 11 March 1726/7, died Killingworth 7 December 1760 age 33, married there 25 December 1746 BENJAMIN GRIFFETH, born about 1719, died 1803 age 84 (Madison CR), son of William Griffeth. Children (Griffeth): Benjamin born 1747/8, Thomas born 1750, William born 1753. Benjamin married (2) Amelia Needham and had ten more children.

61. SAMUEL[4] STEEVENS *(Samuel[3], William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth in 1687 and died there November "last" 1760 in his 74th year (GS Union Cem.) He married, first, in Killingworth 31 January 1726/7 ELIZABETH PLATTS, probably born there 13 August 1705, died before 17 February 1755, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Fox) Platts. He married, second, JANE (CRANE) KELSEY, born Killingworth 10 February 1701, died there 18 November 1783, daughter of John and Martha (Daggett) Crane and widow of Isaac Kelsey, who died 16 October 1751. Samuel was a member of the Killingworth church 18 January 1737/8 and his first wife was admitted 17 December 1738.

The will of Samuel Steevens is found in Guilford probate, dated 26 November 1760, proved 9 December 1760. It mentions wife Jane (with reference to a "joynture" made before marriage), eldest son Samuel Steevens, other sons Eliphalet, Aaron, Elisha, John, Joel, daughters Elizabeth Crane, Jerusha and Mary Steevens. A mutual agreement of the daughters on division of the personal estate was also signed by Elisha Crane 19 January 1761. Son John had Captain John Pierson for guardian, and son Joel had first his brother Eliphalet and later his brother Aaron as guardians.

Children of Samuel[4] and Elizabeth (Platts) Steevens recorded in Killingworth:

i. SAMUEL[5] STEEVENS born 22 December 1727, died Killingworth 5 June 1799 aged 71. He married there 30 October 1758 CATHERINE WHETMORE (CR), WHITMAN (in Barbour), born Durham 20 July 1736, died Killingworth 28 December 1810, aged 74 years 5 months, daughter of Jabez and Abigail Whetmore (or Wetmore). Both were members of the Killingworth church. Distribution of his estate is in Saybrook probate district #2348. Children born Killingworth: Wealthian born 1759 died young; Grace born 1760, died 1836 unmarried; Samuel born 1762; Wealthy born 1765, married Levi Redfield; Elias born 1768, married Mercy Parmele; Juliane or Julia born in 1771, died 1802 unmarried; Pardon born 1773; Ada born 1776, married Theophilus Redfield.

ii. GRACE STEEVENS born 6 July 1729, not in her father's will.

iii. ELIZABETH STEEVENS born 23 December 1730, married Killingworth 26 September 1754 ELISHA CRANE, born there 28 August 1728, died there 28 December 18(05) age 77 (GS Union Cem.), son of Nathaniel and Eunice (Kelsey) Crane. He served in the Revolutionary War and was called "Lt." when he died.

iv. ELIPHALET STEEVENS born 2 March 1731/2, died Hancock, Mass. 25 March 1824 *(Pittsfield Sun)*, married Killingworth 21 January 1762 (CR) SUSANNAH BLACKLEY (BLATCHLEY VR), born Guilford 29 July 1741, died Hancock, Mass. 6? July 1809 *(Pittsfield Sun)*, daughter of David and Temperance (Spencer) Blackley. He was called a Revolutionary soldier in his death record. The family moved to Berkshire County, Mass. between 1779 and 1790. The will of Eliphalet Stevens is found in Berkshire County probate #4218, with a tremendous number of original papers, which can only be summarized briefly. Four sons and four daughters were mentioned, but not the married names of the daughters. When the son Jeremiah filed the will he also presented a statement of facts, which with some litigation gives much information on the other children. Eliphalet and Susannah had nine children, four found in Killingworth VR and four more in CR: 1. Elizabeth born 1763, married James Noble Jr and resided in Vermont; 2. Jeremiah born 1765, died Hancock 1835, leaving widow Susanna and about five children; 3. Olive born 1767, married David Ashley and removed to Ohio; 4. Anna born 1768, died Hancock *(Pittsfield Sun)*, issue of 29 March 1802; 5. Abner born 1770, died Pittsfield, Mass. 1844, leaving five or six children; 6. Rachel baptized 1773, married Daniel Keeney, perhaps removed to Ohio; 7. Michael baptized 1775, living 1825; 8. David baptized 1777, living Grafton, Medina County, Ohio 1826, when he brought suit against his brother for fraudulent action in withholding his share of their father's estate; he is very probably the David Stevens who married Susanna Fuller, daughter of James Fuller of Rehoboth and Hancock, Mass. and sixth generation descendant of Samuel Fuller of the *Mayflower*; 9. Lydia baptized 1779, married Orrin Hilbert and removed to Ohio.

v. JOHN STEEVENS born 24 July 1734, died 5 October 1742.

vi. AARON STEEVENS (not Ann as in the *Genealogy)* born 25 April 1736, died 28 or 29 August 1820 aged 86 (GS Union Cemetery); married 3 May 1759 SARAH WILLCOX, born Killingworth 7 December 1738, died 17 April 1819 age 82 (VR) 81 (GS), daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Hurd) Wilcox. He had a pension for Revolutionary War service and is a DAR Patriot ancestor. Children born Killingworth: Clarinda born 1761; Artemisia born 1763, died 1793, married George Griswold (Revolutionary War patriot); Sarah born 1765; Polly born 1766; Mabel born 1769.

vii. JERUSHA STEEVENS born 27 October 1737, said to have married -------- HAND.

viii. ELISHA STEEVENS born 7 August 1739, died Homer, Cortland County, New York 1814 (DAR records); married LOIS FULLER, possibly born Hebron 29 December 1746, daughter of Jeremiah and Bethiah Fuller (descendant of Robert Fuller, not a *Mayflower* line.) He moved to Richmond, Berkshire County, Mass. by 1784 and was there in the 1790 and 1800 census lists. They had eight children baptized in Richmond. The full list (not in order) is taken from a manuscript in the Camp Collection at the Connecticut Historical Society, which also has data on some of the sons: Elisha P. born 1777, died Franklin, Ohio 1823, married Margaret Brown; Lois or Louisa baptized 1785, married ----- Reynolds; Lucinda baptized 1785; Luther Fuller baptized 1785, married Diana Patchen; Desiah baptized 1788 (Bethia in Camp), married John Mooney of Hillsdale, Columbia County, New York; Jeremiah baptized 1788, married Abigail Ives; Norman baptized 1791; Augustine born 1793, baptized 1806, died Richmond 1808; Polly married Lewis Johnson; Sylvia. The last two are not in the Richmond records and may have been born in Homer, Cortland County, New York.

ix. MARY STEEVENS born 17 April 1741, said to have married DAN LANE; or was she the Mary Stevens who married in Killingworth on 20 January 1768 DAN PARMELE, born there 22 May 1739, died there 1817, son of Lemuel and Sarah Parmelee? Children (Parmelee): Rebina, Polly died young, William, Polly, and Dan.

x. JOHN STEEVENS born 5 February 1745 (or baptized 1743), removed before 1780 to West Stockbridge, Berkshire County, Mass. where he died 20 May 1823 in his 76th year (GS Center Cemetery has Stephens). His wife JANE ---- died 15 August 1811 in her 62nd year. Children recorded West Stockbridge: Calvin born 1780, Jehudi born 1782, Jane born 1785, Joel 1788.

xi. JOEL STEEVENS born 31 May 1748 (probably) (1743 in Barbour), removed before 1790 to Pittsfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. The *Pittsfield Sun* records the death of his wife RUHAMAH ----- on 27 January 1824, aged 71, and his second marriage: Captain Joel Stevens to Mrs. MARY ANN GAYLORD in Pittsfield 8 December 1824. He left a will (Berkshire County probate #4985) which mentions an agreement made with wife Mary Ann the day before their marriage. It mentions sons William and Henry, daughter Anna Francis (whose husband Eldad Francis also signed the agreement of the heirs), daughter Betsey Green and her husband Robert Green and children Lemuel Green and Eliza Green.

62. MARY[4] STEEVENS *(Samuel[3], William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth in 1696 and was probably the Mary Willcocks wife of Samuel junior who died there 24 April 1740. Mary chose her brother John Stevens guardian 4 June 1713 (New London probate #5150). She married in Killingworth 8 November 1720 SAMUEL WILLCOCKS (WILCOX), born Killingworth 18 November 1696, died there 24 June 1746, son of Samuel and Ruth (Wascott or Wescott) Willcoxson. Samuel's inventory in Guilford shows an insolvent estate, but administration was granted to his brother Josiah Wilcox 27 June 1746. Mary Wilcocks, minor daughter, chose her brother Giles Willcocks guardian 29 March 1749.

Children of Samuel and Mary[4] (Steevens) Wilcox recorded in Killingworth:

i. SAMUEL[5] WILCOX born 25 January 1722/3.

ii. GILES WILCOX born 23 November 1727, died by 6 January 1761. He married in Killingworth 8 August 1749 LYDIA WARD, born there on 7 September 1727, daughter of Ira and Lydia Ward. Ira signed bond 6 January 1761 as administrator of the estate of Giles Wilcox, and widow Lydia was mentioned. This proves that the DAR records are in error in assigning Revolutionary War service to Giles[5] Wilcox. It was his son Giles[6] Wilcox who was the soldier and died 27 December 1783.

iii. MARY WILCOX born 4 February 1732/3, married in Killingworth 15 November 1753 ABRAHAM HURD, born there 26 February 1724/5, son of Daniel and Rachel (Smith) Hurd. They had a daughter Lydia[6] Hurd, who married Joel[5] Steevens of Salisbury (see family no. 57).

63. ELIZABETH[4] STEEVENS *(Samuel[3], William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth in 1703 and died in New Haven 25 August 1744 aged 42 years (GS). She married in Killingworth 30 August 1724 JOHN HUBBARD, who was born in Jamaica, Long Island, New York 30 November 1703 and died in New Haven 30 October 1773 aged 70 years, son of John and Mabel (Russell) Hubbard. He married, second, widow Mary (Dickerman) Todd and, third, widow Mary Stevens. He received an M.A. from Yale in 1730 and served as Lieutenant Colonel, Doctor, Judge, and Representative to the General Court. Data on the family is from Donald L. Jacobus, *New Haven Genealogical Magazine* IV (1926) pages 864-867.

Children of John and Elizabeth[4] (Steevens) Hubbard from New Haven VR and CR (except first born Killingworth) (all places New Haven unless otherwise stated):

i. LEVERETT[5] HUBBARD born 21 July 1725, died 1 October 1794 *(DAR Patriot Index)*, married (1) 22 May 1746 SARAH WHITEHEAD, born 27 October 1729, died 5 December 1769, daughter of Stephen and Mary (Miles) Whitehead; married (2) 13 February 1771 HESTER ROBINSON, who died 19 October 1800 aged 51, daughter of Benjamin and Katharine (Durand) Robinson. Seven children by first wife and six by second (in Jacobus). Leverett graduated from Yale, B.A. 1744, and was a doctor and colonel in the Revolutionary War.

ii. JOHN HUBBARD born 24 January 1727/8, died Wallingford 18 November 1786 aged 60; married (1) 25 January 1749/50 REBECCA DICKERMAN, born 2 July 1726, died 24 November 1768, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Atwater) Dickerman; married (2) Wallingford 20 September 1770 MARY (RUSSELL) FROST, widow of George Frost; she died Wallingford 2 March 1806 aged 70. Two children by first wife. DAR Patriot ancestor for Connecticut service as a chaplain.

iii. DANIEL HUBBARD born 24 October 1729, died 28 August 1765; married (1) 13 September 1750 MARTHA WOODING, born 11 March 1729/30, died 17 May 1760, daughter of John and Desire (Cooper) Wooding; married (2) RACHEL ----. She survived him and married (2) ---- Proctor at Marblehead, Massachusetts, and died 1773. One son by first wife.

iv. ELIZABETH HUBBARD born 3 July 1731, died 29 May 1775, married 10 February 1757 Reverend EZRA STILES, president of Yale College 1777-1795, graduated Yale 1746. He was born New Haven 29 November 1727, died 12 May 1795, son of Reverend Isaac and Kezia (Taylor) Stiles. He married (2) Mary Checkley, widow of William Checkley.

v. WILLIAM HUBBARD born 20 March 1732/3, died 14 November 1736.

vi. WILLIAM ABDIAL HUBBARD born 15 December 1736, died 25 April 1772, married 14 February 1759 SARAH GILBERT, died 14 September 1776 aged 44, daughter of Thomas and Ruth (Hotchkiss) Gilbert. Two children.

vii. NATHANIEL HUBBARD baptized 12 November 1738.

viii. AMELIA HUBBARD baptized 24 October 1742, living 13 December 1803, when mentioned in her husband's will; married 1 January 1765 HEZEKIAH SILLIMAN, born Fairfield 11 March 1738/9, died Huntington before 9 February 1804 (probate of will), son of Ebenezer and Abigail (Selleck) Silliman. Fourteen children.

64. WILLIAM[4] STEEVENS *(Samuel[3], William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth, probably 2 February 1705/6, as he was six years of age when his father died in 1712, (the Barbour copy has the year as 1715/6). William married in Killingworth 26 August 1734 RUHAMAH EARL, who may have died before her husband. There is no mention of her in his probate papers, which show that he died before 3 September 1751 (date of his inventory in Guilford probate). It has not been possible to identify Ruhamah, except that she was sister to Elizabeth Earl, who married Lemuel Hull 24 December 1729. A Henry Earl, weaver, had land grants from the town of Killingworth in 1742 and 1749.

In all previous accounts of the Steevens family this William, with wife Ruhamah, has been identified with the William born 1701, son of John Steevens. See the fuller discussion under William no. 37, where this has been disproved. The following account first appeared in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, January 1975, pages 18-22, in which it was shown that William no. 64 was son of Meletiah Bradford of the *Mayflower*. The data on the probate of William Steevens and the information on his children are repeated from that article. See the complete reprint in Appendix E.

The estate was administered by Samuel Steevens, proven to be William's brother, since some of the children chose as guardian their "uncle" Samuel. All six of the children were listed when the inventory was presented, and again when the estate was settled and distribution was made 21 November 1753. The numerous guardianships are mentioned with each member of the family. It appears that the three older boys, William, Christopher, and John, were brought up by their uncle Samuel Steevens, the next son Leverett by his aunt Elizabeth Hubbard in New Haven, the girl Ruhamah and the youngest son Moses by their uncle Lemuel Hull in Killingworth. Other information on the children is found in disposition of their interests in land transactions, some as late as 1770.

Children of William[4] and Ruhamah (Earl) Steevens recorded in Killingworth:

i. RUHAMAH[5] STEEVENS born 20 April 1735, also called Amy in the probate records. She chose Lemuel Hull her guardian 26 March 1752, and when she gave him a receipt on 15 January 1754 she called him her uncle. No further record.

ii. WILLIAM STEEVENS born 1 September 1736, chose Samuel Steevens his guardian 3 February 1752, and when he gave a receipt 19 May 1760 was called "William Stephens of Hartford." Killingworth LR 9-248 also contains a conveyance from William Steevens of Hartford to Theophilus Morgan of a certain lot in Killingworth set off to William from his father, being one-fifth of the lot, and also the part that belonged to William's brother Moses, deceased, dated 9 March 1762. William had enlisted in the army from Hartford for service in the Colonial Wars in 1756, and may have remained in service until he died in 1763. A Mrs. Stevens received expenses for caring for her ill husband in 1761. William Stevens and Elisabeth Sedgwick were married 9 July 1761 (West Hartford CR). She was baptized West Hartford 5 July 1741, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Brace) Sedgwick. William Stevens was offered communion in the West Hartford Church 18 April 1762. His estate (Hartford probate #5219) was administered by John Steel 4 March 1763, with Elisha Steel as surety. John and Elisha were sons of Ebenezer Steel, and cousins of William Stevens. The estate was administered jointly with that of Joseph Blancher, and both of the deceased had military wages due to them. Stevens had served under "Capt. DiLoys." The widow Elisabeth married (2) 23 January 1766 James Taylor of Hartford and (3) Ebenezer Kneeland. She died 24 November 1802 and is buried with her third husband in the Center Cemetery in Hartford. Child of William and Elisabeth: Elisabeth[6] Stevens baptized 13 June 1762 (CR). There is no further record of her.

iii. CHRISTOPHER STEEVENS born 13 September 1738, as a minor under 14 had Samuel Steevens for guardian 31 March 1752, and on 2 December 1754, aged over 14, chose Samuel as guardian again. In Killingworth LR 9-442 he sold to Samuel Hezelton of Derby, Connecticut for £20 New York money "a full quarter of my right in land and buildings of my Honoured father William Steevens, late of Killingworth deceased, plus rights that may accrue by the deaths of other heirs," dated 30 May 1761 and acknowledged the same day in Dutchess County, New York. Christopher was offered communion in the Killingworth Church 6 May 1764 and was a faithful member until his death on 4 Septemebr 1787, as recorded in the church records. There is no probate of his estate. He married in Killingworth 27 September 1764 his third cousin once removed NAOMI STEEVENS, born Killingworth 23 April 1737, daughter of Amos and Mary (Stannard) Steevens, see family no. 20. Their children were recorded in Killingworth VR 2-88 with his mother's name spelled Meomey. Each was baptized in Killingworth Church on the Sunday following birth: William[6] Steevens born 22 February 1767; Ruhamah born 25 October 1768, married 1790 Didymus Johnson of Haddam; Eunice born 24 August 1770; Lucinda born 31 August 1772, died "10 weeks after"; Moses born 12 May 1774; Lucinda born 16 March 1777.

iv. JOHN STEEVENS born 4 August 1740, had Samuel Steevens for guardian 31 March 1752. In 1770 he was a resident of the Island of Guadeloupe in the West Indies (see deeds abstracted below).

v. LEVERETT STEEVENS born 19 September 1742, probably went to New Haven to live with his aunt Elizabeth Hubbard, as no guardianship is found for him in Guilford probate. The clue to his residence is found in deeds recorded in Killingworth LR 11-377: John Steevens of Guadeloupe (the name is very difficult to read, but is certain after repetitions in the following instrument)... constitute my well beloved brother Leveret Steevens of Newhaven, mariner, my lawfull attorney to sell all my estate in the Colony of Connecticut, dated 8 February 1770 and witnessed by Abiathar Camp and Moses Sawyer. (same page) Leverett Steevens of Newhaven, agent and attorney for John Steevens of the Island of Guardeloup in the West Indies lease to Theophilus Morgan Esq. of Killingworth for £8 in full what was set to me and John of Guadiloupe of our father William deceased and also our brother Moses Steevens late of Killingworth deceased, dated 2 June 1770 and witnessed by Nathan Hill and John Morgain. Leverett Steevens married in New Haven 24 October 1771 ESTHER MACUMBER, baptized New Haven 2 September 1750, died there 14 August 1829 aged 79, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah (Cooper) Macumber. Leverett was a sea captain and was reported "last seen on the coast of Florida" 24 October 1799 age 57. The family is described in full in the *New Haven Gen. Magazine* VII (1931) page 1704. The children were partly recorded in New Haven, but all baptized in the First Church: Leverett[6] Steevens born 1773, married Nancy Thomas; Earl born 1775, died 1838, married (1) Rhoda Ford and (2) Maria -----; Daniel born 1778, died 1796; Sarah born 1780, married William Butler; John born 1783; Esther born 1786, married Henry Osbourne; Hannah born 1789; Isaac born 1793.

vi. MOSES STEEVENS born 30 August 1747, had Lemuel Hull for guardian 31 March 1752. He was "deceased" before 9 March 1762 when his brother William sold a share of land inherited from Moses (see deed above).

65. SARAH[4] STEEVENS *(Nathaniel[3], William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth, probably by 1690, and died in Guilford in 1726. She married in Guilford 25 September 1707 STEPHEN BISHOP, born 1682, died Guilford before 12 November 1722, son of Stephen and Hannah (Bartlett) Bishop. Probate in Guilford district shows administration on his estate granted to the widow Sarah 12 November 1722. The oldest son Stephen chose his mother guardian, but there is no distribution or complete list of heirs. Some details are taken from the Talcott manuscripts, and others from the *Bishop Genealogy*.

Children of Stephen and Sarah[4] (Steevens) Bishop born in Guilford:

i. STEPHEN[5] BISHOP born 12 October 1708, lived in Middletown and other places; married Guilford 28 November 1733 ESTHER or HESTER MEIGS, born Guilford 19 December 1709, daughter of James and Hannah (Willard) Meigs. Eight or nine children.

ii. SARAH BISHOP born 1710, died Branford 24 August 1822 age 73 (GS), married Branford 25 August 1742 JOSEPH FRISBIE Jr., born Branford 4 October 1717, died there 9 June 1825 age 80 (GS), son of Joseph and Abigail (Hoadley) Frisbie. Children recorded in Branford.

iii. ELIZABETH BISHOP born 1712.

iv. HANNAH BISHOP born 1714, married **HULL CRUTTENDEN**, born Guilford 1706, died there 24 or 25 September 1794, son of Thomas and Abigail (Hull) Cruttenden. Four children born in Guilford. He was a member of the Second Church of North Guilford and married (2) Submit Park, per Talcott.

v. TIMOTHY BISHOP born 1717, died Guilford December 1736, unmarried.

vi. REBECCA BISHOP born 31 March 1720, died 9 November 1767, married STEPHEN STONE, born Killingworth 13 August 1721, died September 1792, son of Stephen and Elizabeth (Leman) Stone. They had nine children. He married (2) Deliverance Chapman and removed to Litchfield South Farms. He is a DAR Patriot ancestor for service in the Revolutionary War from Connecticut.

66. NATHANIEL[4] STEEVENS *(Nathaniel[3], William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth about 1693 and died in Guilford 8 May 1747 in his 53rd year (GS, West Cem., Madison, "Captain.") He married in Guilford on 10 November 1713 MINDWELL GRAVES, born Guilford 4 November 1696, died there 12 February 1771 in her 74th year (GS), daughter of John junior and Elizabeth (Foster) Graves. Inventory of his estate in Guilford probate district shows real estate worth about £2000, including "a sabath day house in the Green." The three youngest children had their mother appointed as guardian 27 April 1750. Division of the estate made three days later does not mention all of the children, so the older ones may already have received their portion.

Children of Nathaniel[4] and Mindwell (Graves) Steevens recorded in Guilford:

i. MINDWELL[5] STEEVENS born 2 February 1715 (Talcott), 172(3) Barbour, but the records of the first four children in the VR are defective; died 22 January 1761; married 20 November 1733 JONATHAN CRAMPTON (not Scranton), born Guilford 14 March 1717, son of John and Hannah (Evarts) Crampton. Guilford LR 9-162 was signed 23 November 1768 by Mindwell's heirs, Jesse[6] Crampton and Mindwell, wife of John Murry junior.

ii. NATHANIEL STEEVENS born 6 June 1720 (Talcott), 172(1) (Barbour), died 8 October 1798 in his 73rd year (Ensign per GS, East Cemetery, North Madison); married Guilford 24 May 1746 SARAH[5] GRISWOLD, daughter of Daniel and Jerusha (Stevens) Griswold (see family no. 79). She died 11 April 1785 in her 62nd year (GS). He was dismissed from the church in Guilford to the new church in East Guilford 25 March 1757. Three children born Guilford: Jerusha[6] born 28 April 1747, married Didymus French and had eight children; Nathaniel born about 1750, married (1) Ruth Dudley, (2) Rebecca Buell, four children by (1) and three by (2); Samuel born 19 September 1754, died "in defense of his Country" at seige of Ticonderoga 24 September 1776 in his 23rd year unmarried (GS and Revolutionary War marker).

iii. SARAH STEEVENS born 16 March 17[22], died Richmond, Massachusetts 5 October 1802 age 80; married (1) Guilford 2 November 1737 EBENEZER BISHOP Junior born Guilford 1707, died there 27 October 1747, son of Ebenezer and Ann (Latimer) Bishop; married (2) Guilford 29 April 1754 WILLIAM CHITTENDEN, born Guilford 1706, died 14 January 1786, son of William and Hannah Chittenden. William's first wife Rachel White died in 1752.

iv. PRISCILLA STEEVENS born 20 May 1724 (Talcott), [1723] (Barbour), married Guilford 28 April 1742 BENJAMIN CRAMPTON, born there 4 September 1721, died Killingworth age 92 (*Hartford Courant* issue of 14 June 1814), son of John and Hannah Crampton.

v. ELIZABETH STEEVENS born 8 January 1726/7, died 3 April 1801 age 74 years (Madison CR); married Guilford 27 October 1748 TIMOTHY HILL, born there 22 May 1722, died 7 February 1781 age 59 (CR), son of Daniel and Mindwell Hill.

vi. ELIHU STEEVENS born 8 April 1731, died Claremont, New Hampshire 8 January 1814 (GS, Old Village Cemetery); married (1) Guilford 31 October 1750 RACHEL MEIGS, born Guilford 26 February 1733, died Claremont 21 July 1798 age 65 years (GS), daughter of Josiah and Mary (Hand) Meigs; married (2) JERUSHA (SMITH) LEONARD, died 9 November 1801 age 70 years (GS), widow of Colonel Noadiah Leonard of Sunderland, (Vermont or Massachusetts?). Elihu Steevens moved to Claremont in 1768 and was an ardent Whig, active in patriotic service in the Revolutionary War, DAR Patriot ancestor, justice of the peace, selectman, moderator, and representative. Ten children recorded in Guilford and two more added by Talcott: 1. Josiah[6] born 1752, died 1827, served in the Revolutionary War, merchant who built the Tremont House and had a large family, including Josiah[7] born 1784, died 1857, deacon of the Congregational Church, town clerk 1844-1854; 2. Elihu born 1755, died 1798, served in the Revolutionary War; 3. Henry born 1757, died 1800, served in

the Revolutionary War; 4. Roswell born 1760, died 1832, served in the Revolutionary War; 5. Meigs; 6. Ziba (twins); 7. Linus; 8. Rachel; 9. Betty; 10. Eliza; 11. Lecta; 12. Jerusha. Many more details in the *History of Claremont*.

vii. ELIAKIM STEEVENS born 4 October 1734, died 24 January 1784, married Guilford 7 January 1756 SUSANNA FRENCH, born there 6 June 1728, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Graves) French. The insolvent estate in Guilford probate shows only that the widow Susannah was living on 20 September 1784. Children born Guilford: Susan[6] born 1757; Beulah born 1760, died 1776; Mindwell born 1763, died 1785; Eliakim born 1765, married ---- Fisher, no issue.

viii. MABEL STEEVENS born 8 October 1739, died before 28 August 1765, married Guilford 20 October 1757 TIMOTHY MUNGER, born there 5 September 1735, son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Hubbard) Munger. Three children. He married (2) in 1765 Rebecca Evarts and is said to have removed to New Durham, New York.

67. ELIZABETH[4] STEEVENS *(Nathaniel[3], William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth about 1695, and died in Guilford 20 February 1725, aged 30. She married Guilford 10 May 1714 JOHN GRAVES Junior born there 1 February 1689/90, died there 17 July 1763, son of John and Elizabeth (Foote) Graves. He married, second, Abigail Starr, by whom he had three more children, and, third, widow Naomi Blackley, according to Talcott. Some of the family is also in the Smyth article in the *Register* 56 (1902) page 262.

Children of John and Elizabeth[4] (Steevens) Graves recorded in Guilford:

i. ANNE[5] GRAVES born 12 April 1715, died 29 May 1801; married Guilford 19 February 1730 (1735?) THOMAS GRISWOLD, born there 26 March 1708, died there 11 January 1784, son of Thomas and Sarah (Bradley) Griswold. Four children.

ii. JOHN GRAVES born 16 April 1717, died 23 April 1719.

iii. JOHN GRAVES born 28 April 1719, died 13 December 1759; married (1) in Woodbridge, East Jersey, 15 October 1744 ABIGAIL PIERSON of Woodbridge (Guilford VR), died 29 December 1745; married (2) in Guilford 16 July 1749 PHEBE (RICH) HART, who married for third husband Jonathan Crampton. One child by first wife Abigail.

iv. EZRA GRAVES born 3 July 1722, died 26 September 1759 *(Genealogy)*; married 28 September 1747 ELIZABETH GRAVES, born Guilford 21 January 1723, daughter of Noadiah and Sarah Graves. One daughter.

68. SAMUEL[4] BUELL *(Judith[3] Steevens, William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 18 March 1689/90 and died there 8 November 1750, Ensign and Captain. He married, first, in Killingworth 3 May 1711 ABIGAIL CRITTENDEN, perhaps born Guilford 23 December 1691, died Killingworth 6 November 1735, daughter of Thomas and Abigail (Hull) Crittenden; second, in Killingworth 26 January 1736/7 ELIZABETH BENTON, born Guilford 22 June 1697, died Killingworth 14 May 1748, daughter of Ebenezer and Abigail (Grave) Benton.

Children of Samuel[4] and Abigail (Crittenden) Buell recorded in Killingworth:

i. SAMUEL[5] BUELL born 22 June 1713, died in Killingworth 9 March 1790 aged 76; married there 1 January 1734/5 LYDIA WILCOX, born Killingworth 28 July 1713, died there on 15 March 1795, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Kelsey) Wilcox. He served as Private in the Revolutionary War and is a DAR Patriot ancestor. Four children.

ii. JEREMIAH BUELL born 7 January 1715/6, died Killingworth 26 January 1796 aged 80; married there 7 May 1741 MATTINIAH WARD, born 25 July 1718, died Killingworth 5 September 1808, possibly daughter of Peter and Mary (Joy) Ward. Seven children.

iii. ABIGAIL BUELL born 26 March 1718, married 17 February 1737 her first cousin NATHANIEL[4] STEEVENS, see family no. 81.

iv. REUBEN BUELL born 24 August 1720, died 16 September 1802 aged 82 (GS Clinton); married (1) in Killingworth 13 June 1743 HANNAH YOUNG; (2) widow ANNA PORTER, who died 18 August 1805, age 74 years. He was a physician. Seven children by first wife.

v. LYDIA BUELL born 27 October 1722, probably married 29 October 1746 EBENEZER HULL, perhaps born Killingworth 10 December 1705, son of Thomas and Hannah (Shether) Hull.

vi. JOB BUELL born 10 February 1724/5, died 2 March 1791 age 66 (GS Clinton); married Killingworth (1) 10 September 1751 LOIS BRADLEY, born Guilford 3 March 1731, died 1 January 1753 age 22 (GS), daughter of Stephen and Jemima Bradley; married (2) about 1753 SARAH MURRAY, born Guilford 1 April 1733 (Killingworth VR), died 16 February 1818, daughter of John and Sarah Murray. He was a private in the Revolutionary War and is a DAR Patriot ancestor. One child by (1) and eleven by (2).

vii. THANKFUL BUELL born 2 June 1727, died 26 August 1742.

viii. AZARIAH BUELL born 11 December 1729, died 11 October 1742.

ix. JOSIAH BUELL born 4 December 1732, died 12 December 1806 age 84 (GS Clinton); married (1) Killingworth 5 December 1754 ELIZABETH KELSEY, born Killingworth 1 or 3 January 1733/4, died 12 September 1776, daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth (Garvis) Kelsey; (2) widow HANNAH PECK, born 22 July 1749, died 28 February 1826. Seven children by (1) and seven by (2).

Children of Samuel[4] and Elizabeth (Benton) Buell recorded in Killingworth:

x. HULDA BUELL born 1 January 1737/8, married Guilford 29 July 1755 WESTAL SCHOFIELD (or SCOVEL), born Middletown 11 February 1733/4, son of John and Hannah (Coggswell) Scovel.

xi. BELA BUELL born 14 August 1740, died 26 August 1740.

69. JOSIAH[4] BUELL (*Judith*[3] *Steevens, William*[2], *John*[1]) was born in Killingworth 7 March 1691/2 and died there 11 November 1732, Ensign, Lieutenant, and Captain. He married in Killingworth 20 June 1716 MARTHA JEFFIN (also given as JEFFREYS and JEFFERS in the *Buell Genealogy*) (SESSEN in Barbour), born 1694, died 19 January 1740. (According to a recent letter from Jean Rumsey, who has personally inspected the original record at the office of the Town Clerk of Killingworth, the only possible reading of the name is "feffen." There is no other record of such a name, and she suggests that the clerk, unfamiliar with the name, mistook what was told to him, and should have written Fithian or Fithin. This name with variants is found in the area of Saybrook and Lyme. The Fithian family lived in East Hampton, Long Island, New York; they did use the name of Martha, but it has not been possible to identify a Martha Fithian born in 1694.)

Children of Josiah[4] and Martha (Jeffers?) Buell recorded in Killingworth:

i. HIEL[5] BUELL born 28 April 1724, died 8 March 1812 age 88 (GS Clinton); married (1) in Saybrook 17 February 1745/6 HANNAH WILLARD, born Saybrook 12 December 1720, died 28 June 1758, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Lynde) Willard; (2) Lyme? 21 November 1759 ABIGAIL (LORD) PECK, born Lyme 3 February 1725/6, died 11 May 1767, daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Comstock) Lord and widow of Daniel Peck who died 1751; (3) "Mrs." ELIZABETH REDFIELD, perhaps born Killingworth 29 July 1737, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Graves) Redfield; (4) DOROTHY HAND, born Guilford about 1730, died 8 February 1801 age 71 years, "wife of Hiel Buell" (Clinton CR), daughter of Janna and Dorothy (Griswold) Hand. She was unmarried when her father wrote his will 26 July 1760. Hiel Buell had four children by (1) and three more by (2) and outlived all four of his wives.

ii. MARTHA BUELL born 2 March 1728/9, died young.

iii. MARTHA BUELL born 17 October 1732.

70. DEBORAH[4] BUELL *(Judith[3] Steevens, William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 24 January 1693, living 8 March 1768. She married in Saybrook 2 September 1714 DANIEL DUDLEY, born Saybrook 1680, died there before 28 August 1767 (proof of will), son of William and Mary (Stow) Dudley. The will in Guilford probate was dated 28 August 1758 and mentioned wife Deborah, daughter Lucy to be made equal to daughter Deborah, only son Daniel to be executor and have all real estate. Division of the personal estate was made 8 March 1768 to the widow and the daughters Deborah and Lucy. It appears that Deborah was married in 1758 and Lucy between 1758 and 1768. The latter is unrecorded.

Children of Daniel and Deborah[4] (Buell) Dudley born in Saybrook:

i. LUCIA[5] DUDLEY born 19 August 1715, died 29 June 1730 unmarried.

ii. DANIEL DUDLEY born 29 July 1719, married Saybrook 5 November 1741 SUSANNAH CHATFIELD, born Killingworth 15 March 1723, daughter of John and Abigail (Arnell) Chatfield. Eight children and descendants in Dean Dudley, *History of the Dudley Family* I (Wakefield, Massachusetts 1889) page 349.

iii. DEBORAH DUDLEY born 27 March 1725, living 1768, probably married ----- before 1758.

iv. LUCY DUDLEY born 29 June 1730, died 24 January 1731/2.

v. LUCY DUDLEY born (no record), living 1768, probably married ---- between 1758 and 1768.

71. MARY[4] BUELL *(Judith[3] Steevens, William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 17 May 1696 and died in Saybrook before 19 January 1743/4, date of her husband's will. She married in Killingworth 3 February 1713/4 (also recorded in Saybrook) JOSEPH WAT(E)ROUS of Saybrook, born there 12 July 1690, son of Abraham Watrous. His will in Guilford probate, dated 19 January 1743/4, was proved 11 February 1746/7, and appointed John Kelcey Junr to be executor, but as he refused, the son Joseph became administrator with the will annexed 29 January 1749/50. The will gives to four sons, Joseph, Josiah, John, and Samuel £67-10 each and the obligation to maintain their sister Mary; to daughter Rebeckah Wilcocks £20 and to daughters Grace and Lydia land in Oyster River quarter, all to support sister Mary. James Wright was guardian of Grace, minor daughter, 31 March 1748, and James Bayley was guardian of Lydia, minor daughter, 24 July 1749. As only three children were recorded, but four sons and four daughters must be accounted for, the family record is difficult to substantiate.

Children of Joseph and Mary[4] (Buell) Watrous born in Saybrook:

i. LYDIA[5] WATROUS born 25 July 1715, must have died young. The Lydia living 1749 was a minor.

ii. JOSEPH WATROUS born 9 January 1718, married in Killingworth 6 July 1741 ABIGAIL BALDWIN, perhaps born Derby 15 June 1716 (Killingworth VR), daughter of Josiah and Mary (Person) Baldwin. Three children born Killingworth.

iii. MARY WATROUS born 2 April 1719, described in her father's will as unable to care for herself.

iv. JOSIAH WATROUS, mentioned in his father's will 1744.

v. JOHN WATROUS, mentioned in his father's will.

vi. SAMUEL WATROUS, mentioned in his father's will 1744.

vii. REBECKAH WATROUS, called Rebeckah Wilcocks in her father's will 1744.

viii. GRACE WATROUS, minor in 1748, married in Killingworth 1 December 1751 DANIEL[5] CHITTENDEN, see no. 55.

ix. LYDIA WATROUS, minor in 1749 and also in 1752 on 10 March, when her guardian moved for her part of her father's land to be set to her.

72. DANIEL[4] BUELL *(Judith[3] Steevens, William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 19 June 1698 and died there 9 May 1782, leaving a will. He married in Saybrook 21 September 1720 ELIZABETH POST, born Saybrook 2 September 1695, died Killingworth 26 April 1779 age 84, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Stephens) Post. Both have gravestones in Union Cemetery. Daniel was a Lieuntenant and a Deacon, and one of the original proprietors of Newport, New Hampshire, although he did not settle there. He gave his New Hampshire land to his son Aaron.

Children of Daniel[4] and Elizabeth (Post) Buell, recorded in Killingworth:

i. DANIEL[5] BUELL born 23 January 1722, died Killingworth about 1780; married there 4 January 1744 ESTHER PARKER. Six children.

ii. ELIZABETH BUELL born 25 November 1723, married 1 December 1743 JOSIAH HULL, born Killingworth 23 February 1719/20, son of Josiah and Elizabeth Hull. Six children baptized Killingworth.

iii. GURDON BUELL born 1 February 1726, died 6 April 1745 age 19 years.

iv. NATHAN BUELL born 24 September 1728, died Killingworth 12 June 1770 age 42; married there 4 December 1751 THANKFUL GRIFFIN, born Killingworth 14 October 1731, died there 16 January 1816, daughter of Samuel and Mary Griffin. Six children.

v. AARON BUELL born 21 September 1730, died Newport, New Hampshire 11 November 1807 age 77; married (1) at Saybrook (Killingworth VR) 26 December 1754 HANNAH POST, possibly born Saybrook 21 August 1734, died Newport 2 November 1771, daughter of Nathan and Hannah (Barnes) Post; married (2) at Newport 16 April 1786 AMY PARK, born 8 November 1745, died Newport 10 April 1800. Eight children born Newport by (1) and two children by (2). He served as a private from New Hampshire in the Revolutionary War and is a DAR Patriot ancestor. The *Buell Genealogy* has many references to his public service.

vi. MINDWELL BUELL born 7 October 1732, died Killingworth 30 October 1742 age 10 years.

vii. LUCY BUELL born 1 May 1735, died Killingworth 30 September or 1 October 1804; married there 20 March 1757 ABNER PARMELE, born there 4 August 1734, died there 27 May 1806, son of Nehemiah and Hannah (Hull) Parmelee. Both have gravestones in Union Cemetery. Eight children.

viii. LOVE BUELL (Frelove *Gen.*) born 28 October 1737, married Killingworth 19 November 1761 JEREMIAH NETTLETON, born there 7 October 1738, son of Jeremiah and Deborah[5] (Kelsey) Nettleton (see family no. 24). They removed to Newport, New Hampshire in 1779, where he was living 28 September 1801, when he acknowledged a deed of 80 acres near Nettleton Mills to his son Jeremiah junior. (Cheshire County LR 70-297, 301). Eight children born Killingworth and one born Newport, New Hampshire.

73. NATHANIEL[4] BUELL *(Judith[3] Steevens, William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 29 September 1700 and married there 14 November 1721 DEBORAH HORTON, born Southold, Long Island, New York in 1698, daughter of Ensign Joshua and Elizabeth (Grover) Horton. He is said to have removed to the Oblong, Dutchess County, New York.

Children of Nathaniel[4] and Deborah (Horton) Buell recorded in Killingworth:

i. RHODA[5] BUELL born 18 September 1722.

ii. ELIPHALET BUELL born 23 July 1724, died young.

iii. DEBORAH BUELL born 18 April 1726, married in Salisbury 4 May 1743 AZARIAH NEWCOMBE, born Lebanon 18 May 1722, son of Thomas and Eunice (Manning) Newcombe. Eight children in the *Newcombe Genealogy*. Resided Crum Elbow in 1746, Poughkeepsie in 1762, Dutchess County.

iv. ELIPHALET BUELL born 2 July 1728, died Sharon 5 February 1777 (GS); married Salisbury on 7 December 1752 SARAH REED of Sharon. Two children born Sharon.

v. JUDITH BUELL born 6 March 1730.

vi. GROVER BUELL born 4 April 1732, died Windsor, Broome County, New York 14 September 1818 aged 86 years; married (1) 15 February 1758 JERUSHA BUCK who bore five children and (2) a widow, name unknown, who bore him two children, all born Amenia, Dutchess County.

vii. NATHANIEL BUELL born 26 October 1734, died Salisbury 27 November 1808; married there 23 April 1761 HANNAH LEE, who died Salisbury 27 November 1812 aged 74. Three children born Salisbury. He served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army under General Montgomery in the Revolutionary War and is a DAR Patriot ancestor; he was also a Deacon of the Salisbury church.

viii. SIMON BUELL born 18 June 1740; died Salisbury 8 May 1760.

74. MEHITABLE[4] BUELL *(Judith[3] Steevens, William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 8 May 1705, living 1 October 1765. She married in Killingworth as second wife on 18 February 1729/30 ELNATHAN SMITH, who died Killingworth 3 December 1772. His will is found in Guilford probate, dated 1 October 1765 and proved 21 December 1772. It mentions wife Mehitabell; only son Samuel under 21; four children of oldest daughter Hannah, dec.: Constantine, Oreb, Sabra, Hannah; daughters Mabel, Sibe, Rachel, Martha, Lidia, Lucretia. Elnathan's daughter Hannah was the only child of his first wife Hannah Williams, who died 29 January 1728/9. Marriages of several of the daughters are uncertain, since their last names were not given in the will.

Children of Elnathan and Mehitable[4] (Buell) Smith recorded in Killingworth:

i. MABEL[5] SMITH born 11 February 1730/1, married Killingworth 19 March 1761 Reverend WILLIAM SEAWARD 2d, born Durham 27 July 1712, died 6 February 1782, son of William and Damaris (Punderson) Seaward. He graduated from Yale College in 1734 and was pastor of the church in Killingworth. No children by Mabel. His first wife was Concurrence (Crane) Steevens, widow of Jeremiah Steevens, no. 80; he married (3) widow Sarah Stoddard.

ii. SIBEL SMITH born 9 January 1733, living 1765.

iii. RACHEL SMITH born 12 November 1734, died Killingworth 29 May 1787; married there on 10 February 1757 ELIAB PARMELEE born Killingworth 5 January 1730/1, died there 2 May 1799, son of Nathaniel and Bethiah (Kelsey) Parmelee. Seven children.

iv. ELNATHAN SMITH born 7 September 1736, died young.

v. MARTHA SMITH born 28 June 1738, died 17 January 1814 (Killingworth CR); married in Killingworth 25 January 1768 HAUGHTON BUTLER, who died there 23 February 1798 age 61. His name is Houghton in the CR.

vi. LEDIAH SMITH born 9 September 1741, living in 1765.

vii. JOHN SMITH born 23 November 1743, died young.

viii. LUCRETIA SMITH born 11 February 1745, living in 1765.

ix. SAMUEL SMITH born 20 May 1752, died 1 December 1829 according to the DAR Patriot ancestor list; married 12 August 1776 SARAH[6] BUELL born Killingworth 19 April 1754, died there 5 October 1849 age 95, daughter of Job[5] and Lois (Bradley) Buell, see family no. 68. Nine children born Clinton. He served as a private from Connecticut in the Revolutionary War.

75. JOSEPH[4] BUELL *(Judith[3] Steevens, William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 24 August 1710, died possibly Newport, New Hampshire. He married, first, in Killingworth 10 April 1733 ANNA COLTON, born Springfield, Massachusetts 13 September 1714, died Somers 27 December 1772, daughter of Thomas and Joanna (Warriner) Colton; married, second, in Newport ---- LANE. The family moved to Somers in 1740 and about 1779 to Newport. Some of them later went to Orwell, Vermont and on to Ohio.

Children of Joseph[4] and Anna (Colton) Buell, four recorded Killingworth and six in Somers:

i. MATTHEW[5] BUELL born 10 March 1734, died in Ohio 2 November 1804; married Somers 14 October 1756 MARY KIBBE, born Somers 3 December 1738, died in Ohio 16 October 1840, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Bush) Kibbe. Matthew served as a Lieutenant from Connecticut in the Revolutionary War and is a DAR Patriot ancestor. Mary's obituary states that she died "aged 101 years, 10 months, 12 days, left seven children, 40 grandchildren, 110 great-grandchildren, and 33 of the 5th generation." They had six children born Somers, two born at Newport, New Hampshire.

ii. THANKFUL BUELL born 20 March 1736, died Somers 10 January 1754 RUEBEN SYKES, born Springfield, Massachusetts 8 September 1730, died Somers on 23 December 1804 age 72 *(Hartford Courant)*, son of John and Thankful (Warriner) Sykes or Sikes. Eleven children born Somers.

iii. JOSEPH BUELL born 1 September 1738, died Newport, New Hampshire 1 January 1801 "age 62y, Deacon," (GS Pine Street Cem.); married Somers 29 November 1763 JANE CHALKER of Saybrook, born there 10 September 1738, died Newport 9 July 1810, daughter of Abraham and Jemima (Grinnell) Chalker. Through her mother, Jane was a descendant of John Alden of the *Mayflower*. Seven children born Newport. Joseph was wounded while serving as a private in the Revolutionary War, and is a DAR Patriot ancestor. His will is found in Cheshire County probate B-129, dated 29 April 1800 and proved 14 January 1801. It mentions wife Jane, sons Joseph, John, and Chalker Buell, daughters Gemimah Kelcey, Deborough, Jane, and Sabura Buell.

iv. SAMUEL BUELL born 29 November 1740, married Somers 31 January 1763 LYDIA WOOD, born Somers 19 March 1744, daughter of Daniel and Lydia (Dorchester) Wood. They removed to Whiting, Vermont where they had at least one child.

v. MEHITABLE BUELL born 6 July 1743 (*Buell Genealogy*, not in Barbour), died Lebanon, Madison County, New York 16 August 1794, married Somers 22 November 1762 SAMUEL FELT Junior, born Somers 13 April 1734 (1735 *Genealogy*), died Lebanon 31 July 1803, son of Samuel and Rachel (Kibbe) Felt. Thirteen children born Somers.

vi. JOSIAH BUELL born 7 November 1745, died Northumberland, Saratoga County, New York 1819/20; married (1) Somers 1 January 1772 RHODA WOOD, born Somers 2 April 1752, died 29 March 1793, daughter of Daniel and Lydia (Dorchester) Wood; married (2) Shaftsbury, Vermont about 1794 widow JOANNA MATTISON, born May 1759, died January 1841 aged 81. Eight children by (1) born Somers; four by (2) born Shaftsbury, Vermont.

vii. ANNA BUELL born 22 August 1748, died before 1778, married Somers 31 June 1775 AMARIAH KIBBE, born 1747, died Somers 5 October 1829. He married (2) 1778 Hannah Kibbe and (3) 1825 Maria Grover. Two children. See Kibbe Genealogical Notes on some descendants of Edward Kibbe and his wife, Mary (Partridge) Kibbe by Doreen Potter Hanna, 1972 published by Chedwato Service, Middleboro, Massachusetts.

viii. JUDITH BUELL born 12 March 1750.

ix. LUCY BUELL born 8 April 1753, said to have married Somers 1773-5 BENJAMIN PHILBRICK. No children.

x. THOMAS BUELL born 15 May 1756, died Lebanon, Madison County, New York 1 October 1820; married Stafford December 1779 IRENE BLODGETT, born Stafford 31 January 1760, daughter of John and Irene (Robinson) Blodgett. Two children born Somers, six born Newport, New Hampshire from 1784, five born Lebanon, New York from 1796.

xi. JOANNA BUELL born 23 January 1759, died Somers 13 March 1759.

Child of Joseph[4] and ------ (Lane) Buell born Newport, New Hampshire:

xii. MOLLY BUELL married JOHN HARDEE and had issue. Data in *Buell Genealogy* could not be verified.

76. JOSIAH[4] STEEVENS *(Josiah[3], William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 25 March 1700 and died there 17 December 1726 (date in inventory), aged 26 years. He married in Killingworth 10 February 1724/5 MARTHA SMITH. His will is in Guilford probate, dated 29 November 1726, "sick and in a weak & languishing condition." It was proved on 12 January 1726/7 by the witnesses Samuell Griswould, Joseph Merrell, and Sam[ll] Wilcox, Jr. He gave all his estate to his widow Martha Steevens "until my daughter Lydia Steevens shall arrive to the age of eighteen years." The inventory included 65 acres of land valued at £130 and the frame of a house. "The only child Lydia aged 14 months." It is probable that the widow Martha married, second, in Killingworth 18 December 1728 Abel Willcocks and had by him seven more children. If so, she died in Killingworth 24 February 1776 aged 70 years.

Child of Josiah[4] and Martha (Smith) Steevens recorded in Killingworth:

i. LYDIA[5] STEEVENS born 27 November 1725, died 8 December 1802 age 78 (GS Union Cem.); married in Killingworth 23 November 1743 SAMUEL PIERSON, born there 15 April 1721, died 1801, son of Abraham and Sarah (Rossetter) Pierson.

77. DANIEL[4] STEEVENS *(Josiah[3], William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 18 October 1701 and died there 2 July 1784 "aged 84" (Killingworth CR). He married there 14 January 1724/5 ESTHER CHATFIELD, probably daughter of George and Hester (Hill) Chatfield. Daniel and Esther were admitted to full communion in the Killingworth church on 27 May 1739. The wife Esther was living 4 March 1777, when mentioned in the will of Ens. Daniel Steevens, but the Esther Steevens who signed a receipt in 1784 and who wrote a will in 1785 was the daughter of Daniel and Esther. The will of Daniel in Saybrook probate #2326 was proved 14 September 1784 and gave thirds to wife Esther; three sons, Josiah Steevens, Reuben Steevens, Nathan Steevens have already had their portions by deeds of gift; daughter Sarah to have two acres adjoining land given to son Roswell deceased; my house and land to two daughters Esther and Jerusha; son Nathan to have land and pay to my granddaughter Sarah Kelcey £25, granddaughters Lydia Steevens and Rebina Steevens £10, granddaughters Olive Steevens and Chloe Steevens £7-10, also to Reuben land on Cowpen Hill where my son-in-law Christopher Steevens lives; Reuben to be executor; residue to three daughters Sarah Willcocks, Esther Steevens, and Jerusha Steevens. It was witnessed by Nathan Griswold, Giles Griswold, Nathan Grizel junior. There are receipts dated 17 December 1784, given by Elijah and Sarah Willcocks, Esther Steevens (daughter), and Azubah Whitmore (granddaughter). The identities of the grandchildren are clearly established in the family records of the three sons who died before their father.

Children of Daniel[4] and Esther (Chatfield) Steevens recorded in Killingworth:

i. CHARLES[5] STEEVENS born 13 March 1726, died Killingworth 14 September 1751 (date in inventory and on GS, Old Southwest Cemetery); married Killingworth probably 24 April 1750 (CR) (impossible date 1759 in Barbour) SARAH[5] STEEVENS, born Killingworth 18 March 1731, died there 18 February 1750/1, daughter of Joseph[4] and Deborah[4] (Steevens) Steevens, see no. 35. Administration in Guilford probate was granted to his father Daniel Steevens, bond dated 21 December 1751. Daniel was also guardian to his granddaughter Sarah, minor daughter of Charles, 23 April 1752. Sarah the only child was born in Killingworth 30 December 1750, baptized 10 February 1751 (CR), and called Sarah Kelcey in her grandfather's will 1777.

ii. JOSIAH STEEVENS born 6 January 1727/8, living 4 March 1777, when mentioned in his father's will. He married (1) Killingworth 20 June 1751 (CR) 1752 (Barbour) PHOEBE KELCEY, born there 4 July 1730, daughter of Isaac and Jane (Crane) Kelsey; married (2) Killingworth 29 April 1756 ANNE WHETMORE. His family records are badly confused with those of his cousin Josiah born 1743, son of Nathaniel[4] Steevens no. 81, but an attempt has been made to employ all available records to separate the two men of the same name. A difference of more than fifteen years in age, combined with the fact that they belonged to different churches, is very helpful. Both men were named for their uncle Josiah no. 76, who died before they were born, and for their grandfather no. 17. This Josiah had a daughter Phebe[6] by his first wife born Killingworth 1752; also by second wife the following children baptized Killingworth: Phoebe 1757, Jerry 1758, Mable 1760, Daniel 1762, William 1764, Abigail 1766, Josiah 1767. A deed proves that he was living in Stockbridge, Berkshire County, Massachusetts in 1776. There was a Josiah Stephens in Chenango County, New York in 1800, but no attempt has been made to trace this man further.

iii. SARAH STEEVENS born 17 April 1729, died 28 November 1815 (Talcott); married Killingworth 27 August 1747 SILAS WILLCOCKS, born there 20 February 1719/20, died there on 22 December 1755, son of John and Hannah Wilcox. Four children born Killingworth had Elijah Wilcox, a brother of Silas, as their guardian.

iv. DANIEL STEEVENS born 7 October 1732, died Killingworth 14 October 1759; married there 15 May 1754 NAOMI CHATFIELD, born there 15 May 1734, daughter of Josiah and Mary (Hull) Chatfield. He was called Daniel Jr. in his marriage record, and Daniel 2d in the records of his children's births and in his Guilford probate, when his father Daniel Steevens signed bond as administrator on 4 March 1760. On the same date the mother became guardian to the three children, who were: Lydia[6] born 26 October 1755, mentioned by her grandfather in his will 1777; Rebina born 9 September 1757, married 27 January 1780 Daniel Blatchley; Charles born 17 April 1758, living 4 March 1760, not mentioned in his grandfather's will 1777.

v. ESTHER STEEVENS born 17 March 1734, died unmarried 1785, after 8 June when she made her will, which is in Saybrook probate #2331. It mentions brother Reuben Steevens, sister Sarah Wilcox, cousins Polly Wilcox, Sarah Wilcox, Azubah Whitmore. The distribution is mostly illegible.

vi. REUBEN STEEVENS born 8 May 1738, died 4 April 1819 (age 82 CR, 81 GS, Old Southwest Cem.); married Killingworth 10 December 1761 DINAH PARMELE, born there 27 November 1734, died 28 (27 GS) September 1812 age 77, daughter of Nathaniel and Bethia (Kelsey) Parmelee; Reuben appears to have married a second wife, perhaps in Guilford, who died Killingworth 27 June 1818 age 72 (CR). He served in Capt. Hull's Company in the French and Indian Wars. His will, written in 1810, mentions all of his recorded children: Silvia wife of Samuel Towner, Reuben who married Lydia Hull, Daniel who married Rachel Hull, Polly wife of ------ Parmele.

vii. NATHAN STEEVENS born 30 May 1740, married 17 November 1763 (Killingworth CR) MERCY PARMELE, born there 26 March 1741, daughter of Josiah and Mercy (Hull) Parmele. Children baptized Killingworth: Ezra 1764, Rhoda 1766, Olive and Thankful 1768, Asenath 1771, Marcy 1773, Nathan 1777, Sene (daughter) 1779.

viii. JERUSHA STEEVENS born 10 November 1744, living unmarried 1777. (Did she marry a Christopher Steevens, who was called "son-in-law" in the will of her father 1785?)

ix. ROSWELL STEEVENS born 1 May 1746, died Killingworth 30 December 1773 (date in inventory); married there 30 December 1767 (CR) TRYAL ROGERS, born there 31 January 1744, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Rogers. She married (2) in Killingworth (CR) 7 June 1775 Nathaniel Field. The name is consistently spelled Rosewell in CR and probate. That Roswell who married Tryal was the son of Daniel Steevens is proved by the latter's will, which mentions his granddaughters Olive and Chloe. Mrs. Holmes wrongly identifies him as the one born 1742, son of Jonathan Steevens, no. 56. Distribution of Roswell's estate was made 21 April 1775 to the widow Tryal, Olive eldest daughter (born 21 October 1768) and Chloe second daughter (born 19 December 1772.)

78. ELNATHAN[4] STEEVENS *(Josiah[3], William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 13 April 1703 and died there 21 December 1776 (age 74 Esq., Clinton CR, in 74th year Clinton GS). He married in Killingworth 15 February 1728 MARY HULL, born there 22 August 1709, died 6 February 1787 age 77 (Clinton CR), daughter of John and Mary (Osborn) Hull. Probate in Guilford district has a distribution dated 6 May 1777 and completed 20 January 1778 to sons Elnathan, Orsburn, Hubbell, Hiel, Jared, Jonas, Jeremiah, and daughter Mary, with reference to varying sums already advanced to all of the sons except Jonas, and to daughter Lydia £50, which was apparently her full share. This list of seven surviving sons and two daughters is very helpful in the light of some confusing entries in the birth records.

Children of Elnathan[4] and Mary (Hull) Steevens, mostly recorded in Killingworth:

i. MARY[5] STEEVENS born 13 November 1728, died 9 December 1728 *(Genealogy)*.

ii. ELNATHAN STEEVENS born 28 January 1729/30, died as Elnathan 2d 28 February 1791 (Clinton CR); married (1) Killingworth 25 November or December 1754 (both months recorded) ZERVIAH WILLIAMS, born Killingworth 15 December 1733, died there 10 August (VR) 23 August (Clinton CR) 1765, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Lane) Williams; married (2) Killingworth on 27 November 1766 HANNAH BURRUS or BURROWES, probably a widow. Elnathan is a DAR Patriot ancestor for Civil Service during the Revolutionary War. Widow Hannah signed bond as administratrix in Saybrook probate #2329 on 11 April 1791 and distribution was made on 6 December 1791 to Elnathan only son, and youngest daughter Mehitable, eldest daughter Mary having received her share. Children born Killingworth by (1): John[6] born 1756, died Hartford 1779 in military service (Saybrook probate #1780; Martha born 1758, died young; Mary born 1760, living married 1791; Joseph born 1762, died young; by (2): Zerviah born 1768, died young; Elnathan born 1770, died 1838, married Pauline Parsons; Mehitable born 1773, married ---- Curtis; child died 1775 (Clinton CR).

iii. JOHN STEEVENS born 8 January 1731/2, died 17 February 1731/2 *(Register)*.

iv. JOHN STEEVENS born 7 May 1733, died on 14 August 1752 (not in Barbour).

v. OSBORN STEEVENS (twin) born 23 March 1735, died 13 December 1819 unmarried (Clinton CR). The *Register* story reports a romantic incident which explains his remaining a bachelor. He served as a private in the Colonial Wars in 1757 and was on a hospital roll in 1758. There are several petitions from him in the Connecticut Archives: in May 1759 he showed that he had lost his right arm through the accidental discharge of a gun while in service, granted £50 for relief; in May 1765 he asked that he also be allowed a peddler's license throughout the Colony, denied; in May 1769 he claimed that through misfortune he had lost all his property at sea and again asked for a license to peddle goods, granted; in May 1801 he requested a reasonable maintenance, granted $20 was not sufficient, granted a special pension of $30 annually.

vi. HUBBELL STEEVENS (twin) born 23 March 1735; a query in *Connecticut Nutmegger* says that Donald L. Jacobus mentioned his marriage to DEBORAH JONES; resided in Wethersfield per *Genealogy*. Children baptized Clinton: Deborah 1760, married (?) Eliab Isbel 1781; Samuel Willard 1765; Martin 1767; Sarah 1768; Elisha 1772.

vii. HIEL STEEVENS born 22 March 1737, died Clinton 7 March 1784 of smallpox (VR) 6 March age 47 years (GS). He married Killingworth 11 November 1761 JANE KELSEY, born Killingworth 27 August 1740, died 22 May 1826 age 86 (GS), daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Kelsey) Kelsey. Distribution was made in Saybrook probate #2336 on 2 November 1784 and is useful in providing the names of some children which are confused in the record: Elias, Eber, Samuel, Edmon, Ollever, John, Juliany, Jain, Lydia. Some reports of the marriages and deaths are taken from Talcott. Ten children recorded Killingworth: Juliana born 1763, died Clinton 1836, married Roswell Redfield; Elias born 1764, died 1852, married Lucilla Chapman, a descendant of John Alden of the *Mayflower*; Anne baptized 1766, died young; Hiel born 1766, died 1784 of smallpox; Jane born 1768, died 1753, married ---- Blatchley; Eber born 1771, died 1854, married Tabitha Bucknell; Lydia born 1775, married ---- Post; (2) ---- Phillips; (3) ---- Post; Edmon born 1777, died 1856, married Sally Bushnell; Oliver born 1779, died 1843, married Julia Bucknell; John born 1782, died 1864, married Betsey Henderson.

viii. JARED STEEVENS born 8 February 1739 (not in Barbour), died 14 March 1814 *(Register)*, married BETTY TYLER (Talcott). He is a DAR Patriot ancestor for service from Connecticut in the Revolutionary War.

ix. JONAS STEEVENS born 6 January 1740/1, died 22 February 1801 (*Register* and Talcott); married HESTER WHITTLESEY, born Saybrook 20 June 1749, died 21 August 1821, daughter of Hezekiah and Priscilla (Jones) Whittlesey. Her father referred to her as Hester Stephens in his 1785 will. Two children baptized Clinton: Benjamin 1773, Zinah 1775.

x. MARY STEEVENS born 9 June 1743, died April 1827 (Talcott); said to have married JOSEPH BENNETT of Weston.

xi. MARTHA STEEVENS born 30 March 1745, died 24 April 1752.

xii. SETH STEEVENS (twin) born 4 May 1747, died 9 July 1747.

xiii. LYDIA STEEVENS (twin) born 4 May 1747, died young.

xiv. LYDIA STEEVENS born 27 June 1748, married 4 December 1770 (Clinton CR) JONATHAN ROBBINS, born Wethersfield 5 April 1737, son of Jonathan and Sarah (Wells) Robbins.

xv. JEREMIAH STEEVENS born 12 December 1750 (DAR), died 30 May 1835 age 84 (Clinton GS); married 27 October 1774 (Clinton CR) PATIENCE HOLMES, born Killingworth 1 March 1753, died on 28 January 1820 age 67 (GS), daughter of Cornelius and Ruth (Crane) Holmes. He served in the Revolutionary War and is a DAR Patriot ancestor. Children from Talcott: George born 1775, died 1806 unmarried; Jeremiah born 1776, died 1777; Mary born 1778, died unmarried; Jeremiah born 1780, died 1810, married Charlotte Hurd; Augustus born 1783, died 1834, married Fanny Osborne; Hiel born 1785, died 1825, married Charlotte Griffith; Clarissa born 1789, died 1880, married Daniel Crane.

79. JERUSHA[4] STEEVENS *(Josiah[3], William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth 19 October 1704 and died there 3 December 1792 aged 88 (Clinton CR). She married, first, in Killingworth 9 March 1722 DANIEL GRISWOLD, born there 25 October 1696, died there 10 September 1737 age 40 (Clinton GS), son of John and Mary (Bevins) Griswold; married, second, BENJAMIN DeWOLF, perhaps born Saybrook 1695, son of Stephen DeWolf. His first wife Margaret died in 1742 and he removed to Killingworth in 1746. Daniel was deputy for Killingworth 1732-5 and had the titles of Ensign 1728, Lieutenant 1732. Data is from Killingworth VR and "The Griswold Family," by Glenn E. Griswold, Volume II (Rutland, Vermont 1935) page 63 and 103ff.

Children of Daniel and Jerusha[4] (Steevens) Griswold born in Killingworth:

i. DANIEL[5] GRISWOLD born 1722, married Killingworth 22 October 1750 MARY BUSHNELL, born about 1730, daughter of Francis and Mary (Scranton) Bushnell. They removed from Fairfield to Herkimer County, New York about 1792. He served as a lieutenant in the Colonial Wars and a Captain in the Revolutionary War. Thirteen children.

ii. SARAH GRISWOLD born 22 October 1723, died 11 April 1785; married her second cousin NATHANIEL[5] STEEVENS, see family no. 65.

iii. BARSHEBA GRISWOLD born 20 October 1725; died 23 October 1737.

iv. JERUSHA GRISWOLD born 23 November 1727, died 1745 after the birth of a child, who also died; married in Killingworth 16 March 1743 NOAH ISBELL, born there 20 August 1717, died Lenox, Massachusetts 18 October 1801, son of Robert and Miriam (Carter) Isbell. He married (2) Jerusha Ward.

v. JOSIAH GRISWOLD born 19 November 1731 (DAR) (1735 Barbour), died 15 August 1800 (DAR); married LUCY KELSEY, born Killingworth 19 November 1737, daughter of Solomon and Mary (Mather) Kelsey. His will in the *Griswold Genealogy* page 107 names wife and five children. He served in the Revolutionary War as a Private and is a DAR Patriot ancestor.

vi. GRACE GRISWOLD born 2 April 1734, died 13 May 1823 (Clinton GS); married (according to Talcott) JOHN WILLCOCKS, born Killingworth 17 August 1726 or 20 April 1727 (both recorded), died Clinton 16 June 1794 (GS), son of John and Deborah (Parmelee) Willcox. Ten children born Killingworth.

vii. SAMUEL GRISWOLD born 8 February 1736, died 7 (17 *Genealogy*) April 1745.

80. JEREMIAH[4] STEEVENS *(Josiah[3], William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth about 1706-7 and died there 9 August 1739 in his 33rd year (GS, Union Cemetery). He married in Killingworth 9 March 1731/2 CONCURRENCE CRANE, born there 4 June 1709, daughter of John and Martha (Daggett) Crane. Both were church members 18 January 1737/8. His will in Guilford probate was written 16 April 1739 and proved 29 August 1739: wife Concurrance to be executrix and have one-half the goods and the use of thirds of the real estate; eldest son Jeremyah Steevens "the homestead given to me by my hon[d] father," 46 acres and buildings; youngest son Rosewell Steevens several tracts of land. This is no record of disposal of the land after the death of Jeremiah junior, who never did attain to his majority. The estate owed debts to Timothy Steevens and Elnathan Steevens. No previous account of the Steevens family has ever included mention of this Jeremiah and his family; hence the reference to land given by his father proved to be a valuble clue, and the index of grantees was searched until the following gift was located in Killingworth LR 5-43: "Josiah Steevens of Killingworth...for the parental love and natural affection which I have & do bare toward my dutyfull and well beloved son Jeremiah Steevens of Killingworth...a tract on Roastmeat hill, 45½ acres, bounds Jonathan Steevens, highway, Daniell Buell and Josiah Chatfield, Josiah Steevens...together with the dwelling house thereon standing." Dated 7 March 1731/2, witnessed by Sam[ll] Willcocks and Elizebeth Kelsey (by X), recorded 8 May 1735. Another deed on the same page transfers from Jeremiah "to my brother Elnathan Steevens" land earlier surveyed to Jeremiah. Thus it is proved that Jeremiah was another of the unrecorded children of Josiah[3] Steevens. Mrs. Concurrence Steevens married, second, in Killingworth 21 September 1742 Reverend William Seward, first pastor of the Killingworth church, by whom she had five more children before her death on 7 December 1753. (For his second wife Mabel Smith, see family no. 74.)

Children of Jeremiah[4] and Concurrence (Crane) Steevens recorded in Killingworth:

i. JEREMIAH[5] STEEVENS born 3 May 1733, died 1 June 1734.

ii. JEREMIAH STEEVENS born 11 July 1735, died 5 October 1755; he had his step-father Reverend Mister William Seward appointed his guardian 14 December 1753, and was offered communion in the Killingworth church two days later.

iii. ROSEL STEEVENS born 7 December 1737, died 26 November 1741, called Rosewell in his father's will.

81. NATHANIEL[4] STEEVENS *(Josiah[3], William[2], John[1])* was born in Killingworth about 1710 and died on 12 September 1805 aged 95 (Clinton CR and GS). The stone says that he served in Captain Eliot's Company in the French and Indian War. He married Killingworth 17 February 1737 ABIGAIL[5] BUELL, daughter of Samuel Buell (see family no. 68). Abigail died 29 August 1798 "age 81 wife of aged deacon Nathaniel Steevens, married 61 years ago" (Clinton CR) in her 81st year (GS). The will of Deacon Nathaniel Stevens of Killingworth was dated 9 February 1785, more than twenty years before his death. He was one of the first in the family to use the spelling Stevens in his signature, even though Steevens is used throughout the will. Philip Stevens signed bond as executor 2 October 1805. The will in Saybrook probate #2342 mentions wife Abigail Steevens, heirs of my late son Oliver Steevens, son Nathaniel Steevens had land, son Phillip Steevens had the homestead and buildings and sawmill and many other pieces, son Josiah Steevens a suit, gun, and sword, to daughters Thankful, Sarah, Abigail, and Lydia the remainder of the personal estate (terms of the will and of the distribution clearly show that Abigail was the only unmarried daughter, but there is no mention of the last names of the other girls.) Distribution was made 2 January 1806 to: Nathaniel Stevens second son; heirs of Oliver Stevens i.e. Elizebeth, Polly 2nd daughter, Julia 3rd daughter, Huldah 4th daughter; Phillip Steevens third son; heirs of Josiah Stevens youngest son; Abigal Stevens third daughter; Thankfull eldest daughter; Sarah 2nd daughter; Lydia 4th daughter.

Children of Nathaniel[4] and Abigail[5] (Buell) Steevens, the first seven recorded in Killingworth:

i. OLIVER[5]and[6] STEEVENS born 10 November 1737, "deceased" before 9 November 1785; married in Killingworth 8 March 1764 ELIZABETH PLATTS (PLATT Clinton CR), born Saybrook 20 September 1741, daughter of Ebenezer and Dorothy Platts. Oliver and Elizabeth sold her right in her father's estate on 18 October 1770 (Saybrook LR 8-177). Two children recorded Killingworth and baptized Clinton church, two others in grandfather's will: Elizabeth born 1765, Polly born 1767, Julia, Huldah.

ii. NATHANIEL STEEVENS born 8 October 1739, died Norfolk 27 July 1808 age 68 (GS); married in Middletown 20 March 1764 LOIS CAMP, born there 25 December 1743, died Norfolk 3 January 1817 age 72 (GS), daughter of Abraham and Martha (Parson) Camp. They settled in Norfolk directly after marriage. He had a rank of Ensign in the Revolutionary War and is a DAR Patriot ancestor. His probate is found in Norfolk didtrict #759: estate administered by his son Nathaniel, with son William Pitt Steevens as surety, and Henry W. Steevens (son of Willima P. ?) as witness. The inventory includes eight acres of land in Killingworth, which he had recently inherited from his father. The sale of this land (Killingworth LR 18-415) is from Nathaniel Steevens of Norfolk to Nathaniel Steevens of Killingworth 31 October 1810. Here the grantor may be identified as the son of Nathaniel born 1739, and the grantee as the son of Philip Steevens born 1741. They were cousins, and grandsons of Nathaniel no. 81. Both the probate and the Norfolk LR contain distributions after 1810, and again of the dower in 1818, which identify three or four granddaughters, who will be mentioned below. Nathaniel and Lois (Camp) Steevens had three sons recorded in Norfolk: 1. Samuel[6] Steevens born 6 March 1766, wife and later residence not found, but he died before his father, leaving at least three daughters, who released their shares of their grandfather's estate: Lois, wife of Luther Spaulding of Locke, Cayuga Co., New York; Eunice, wife of Joshua Backus of Locke; Anna, wife of Lemuel Bates of Homer, Cortland County, New York. LR 9-476 does not state whether Sally, wife of Gideon Wright of New Marlborough, Mass. received her share as another child of Samuel, or perhaps as an unrecorded daughter of Nathaniel. 2. Nathaniel Steevens born 20 February 1768, died 29 January 1825 age 57, called Major on his GS; married 19 November 1789 Elizabeth Rice and had issue. 3. William Pitt Steevens born 30 November 1770; married New Marlborough, Mass. 12 April 1794. Clarissa Stevens, born there 5 May 1775, daughter of Richard Stevens, who was apparently unrelated to her husband. William P. was living in New Marlborough in 1809 and probably later.

iii. PHILIP STEEVENS born 1 August 1741, died 12 October 1814 age 73 (Clinton CR and GS); married in Killingworth 30 March 1768 (VR) 31 March (Killingworth CR) SARAH KELSEY, born Killingworth about 1746, died 15 December 1818 age 71 (Clinton CR), daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth (Jarvis) Kelsey. He was a Deacon of the Clinton church. His will in Saybrook probate #2346 was written 8 February 1814 and approved 6 December 1814: wife Sarah to have thirds, son Nathaniel Stevens the dwelling house and all real estate, Sarah and Nathaniel to be executors; daughter Thankful Sheldon $60. Children from Clinton CR: Phillip born 1768; Levi born 1770, not living 1814; Sarah 1771, not living 1814; child died 1775; Thankful 1775, married ------ Sheldon.

iv. JOSIAH STEEVENS born 21 October 1743, died probably Newport, New Hampshire before 2 January 1806, when his father's estate was distributed; married (1) Killingworth 27 January 1763 MARY GRAY, born there 21 February 1745, died Newport 26 September 1787 in her 43rd year (GS Pine Street Cem.); married (2) Newport 15 May 1788 ABIGAIL GILES, widow of Benjamin Giles. She died 25 March 1800 (age 88 by printed GS record, which seems impossible; perhaps age 58). Josiah was a member of the Clinton church and had two children baptized there. He bought land on the Sugar River in Alstead, New Hampshire 16 September 1766 and moved to Newport in 1771. (See the account of his cousin Josiah in family no. 77.) The DAR has identified him with Reverend Josiah Stephens who died 2 July 1804 age 61 (GS on Star Island, Isles of Shoals, New Hampshire), but the latter had a wife Susannah who died 7 December 1810 age 57 and was buried beside her husband.

Children of Josiah and Mary (Gray) Steevens, two recorded in Killingworth, the rest from *History of Newport, New Hampshire:* Rebecca[6] born 1763; Josiah born 1765; Edward born 1768, lost with wife Sallie on passage from Savannah to New York in April 1801 (GS Newport); Mary born 1770; Abigail born 1772; Thankful born 1774; Grace born 1776; Lucy born 1778, married John Buell 2d; Miriam born 1781, married Benjamin Coffran (DAR records); Oliver born 1783 and went to Georgia; Eunice born 1785. Josiah[7] Stevens 3d, son of Josiah[6] and grandson of Josiah[5] and Mary, lived in Concord, New Hampshire and became Secretary of State.

v. THANKFUL STEEVENS born 19 December 1746, probably married by 1785.

vi. SARAH STEEVENS born 30 March 1749 (Barbour) 3 March *(Genealogy)*, probably married by 1785.

vii. GRACE STEEVENS born 11 September 1751, died 16 December 1776 in her 26th year (Clinton CR and GS).

viii. ABIGAIL STEEVENS born 12 August 1754, died unmarried 9 October 1806 age 52 (Clinton GS).

ix. LYDIA STEEVENS born 22 November 1758, probably married by 1785.

82. MARY[4] HARRIS *(Mary[3] Steevens, William[2], John[1])* was born in New London 4 April 1699 and married there 9 November 1714 EBENEZER WAY, born New London 30 October 1693, died there July 1787, son of Thomas and Ann (Lister) Way. The family account is taken in part from the Parkhurst manuscripts, volume 28, page 93.

Children of Ebenezer and Mary[4] (Harris) Way born in New London:

i. NATHANIEL[5] WAY born 5 September 1715, died young.

ii. MARY WAY born 25 February 1717/8, died on 3 February 1800 age 82 (GS Cedar Grove Cemetery, New London); married there 9 November 1740 BENJAMIN TRUMAN, born there 11 July 1715, died Barbadoes (will exhibited 19 November 1748, "Capt." on wife's GS), son of Benjamin Truman. No children.

iii. WILLIAM WAY born 15 May 1720, married 3 May 1765 MARY LATHROP, daughter of Nathaniel Lathrop of Norwich. Three children born New London.

iv. ANN WAY born 16 September 1722, not in will of her sister Lucy 1770. Anna died on 28 December 1802 age 80 (GS says "relict of Nathaniel Palmer.") It has been stated that she married John Harris in 1755, but the record calls his wife Lydia Way.

v. ELIZABETH WAY born 23 April 1724, died unmarried 11 June 1800 age 75 (GS).

vi. PHEBE WAY born 12 October 1726, died 2 July 1798 (GS says "relict of Capt. Jasper Payne"), not in will of her sister Lucy 1770.

vii. EBENEZER WAY born 8 July 1728, died New London 18 November 1813 age 85 (GS); married (1) 30 November 1766 MARY TABOR, died 20 August 1771, daughter of Pardon Tabor; married (2) 21 December 1783 LYDIA DARRY. Three children by (1) and two by (2).

viii. JOHN WAY born 22 August 1731, died Lempster, New Hampshire 2 January 1802; married about 1760 GRACE DANIELS, baptized New London 15 August 1742, daughter of Jasper and Grace (Edgecumb) Daniels. One child born New London.

ix. LUCY WAY baptized 13 April 1735, will dated 21 April 1770 (probate lost) mentions three sisters, Mary Truman, Elizabeth Way, Hannah Way. Lucy died unmarried.

x. HANNAH WAY born 31 July 1739, living unmarried 1770.

xi. NATHANIEL WAY born 23 October 1743.

83. PHEBE[4] HARRIS *(Mary[3] Steevens, William[2], John[1])* was born in New London 24 January 1700 and died in Norwich 29 July 1763. She married, first, in New London 29 November 1720 JOHN CRANK, who died on 5 January 1722/3; second, in New London 1 May 1723 STEPHEN PRENTICE Junior, born there 23 March 1698/9, died there 7 December 1728, aged about 30, son of Stephen and Elizabeth (Rogers) Prentice; third, 11 May 1731 (Norwich VR and New London CR) JOHN EDGERTON, born Norwich 26 February 1690, died there 15 February 1768 age 77 (GS), son of John and Mary (Renalls) Edgerton. He had issue by his first wife Ruth Adgate, who was a descendant of William Brewster of the *Mayflower*. Prentice data from Parkhurst manuscripts, volume 21, pages 86-87.

Children of Stephen and Phebe[4] (Harris) (Crank) Prentice baptized in New London:

i. ELIZABETH[5] PRENTICE baptized 12 July 1724.

ii. MARY PRENTICE baptized 10 July 1726, married 20 May 1746 WILLIAM CALKINS, died 30 October 1762, son of Joseph Calkins. Seven children born New London.

iii. STEPHEN PRENTICE baptized 29 December 1728, died Waterford February 1799 age 71; married 31 May 1750 ANNA STARR, daughter of Samuel Starr. Eleven children born New London.

Children of John and Phebe[4] (Harris) (Crank) (Prentice) Edgerton recorded in Norwich:

iv. PHEBE[5] EDGERTON born 8 February 1731/2, died Norwich 1793 age 62; married Norwich 4 October 1749 SAMUEL ABBOTT, born Windham 18 September 1726, died Norwich 1788/9 age 62, son of John and Elizabeth (Phills) Abbott. Ten children born Norwich. Samuel was a Lieutenant in the Colonial Wars in 1758, Lieutenant Colonel in the militia 1774, and Colonel in the Revolutionary War 1777-1780. He also held many public offices.

v. EUNICE EDGERTON born 25 July 1735, died 16 March 1772; married Norwich 5 December 1765 JOSEPH CAREW, born Norwich 13 April 1738, died there 17 January 1818 "Capt.", son of Joseph and Mary (Huntington) Carew.

vi. DANIEL EDGERTON born 8 March 1737, died 24 February 1783 (DAR), married Norwich 8 November 1764 MARY DOUGLASS, born New London 4 December 1742, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Edgecumb) Douglass. He gave Revolutionary War service in Vermont and is a DAR Patriot ancestor.

vii. TEMPERANCE EDGERTON born 18 March 1738/9, died 26 March 1801 age 64 (GS); married Norwich 9 October 1760 EBENEZER LORD, born Norwich 28 August 1731, died there 3 July 1800 (GS Norwichtown), son of Rev. Benjamin and Ann (Taylor) Lord. Ebenezer graduated from Yale in 1753.

viii. NATHANIEL EDGERTON born 30 November 1741, died 11 January 1742.

ix. SARAH EDGERTON born 20 March 1743, married Norwich 20 January 1762 EBENEZER HUNTINGTON Junior, born Lebabon 27 September 1740, died in the West Indies 1764 (Probate), son of Simon and Sarah (Huntington) Huntington. Ebenezer and Sarah had one son Roswell[6] Huntington, who lived in North Carolina and Alabama.

x. NATHANIEL EDGERTON born 31 December 1746, no further record in Norwich.

84. SARAH[4] HARRIS *(Mary[3] Steevens, William[2], John[1])* was born in New London 1 January 1704/5 and died there 8 October 1752 in her 48th year (GS Montville); married in New London, first, 16 September 1730 SAMUEL JACKSON; second, as second wife, intentions 27 August 1749 JAMES HARRIS, son of James Harris (Hempstead Diary page 534: Lieutenant James Harris and Sarah wife of Samuel Jackson who hath been gone to North Caroline several years pub.). Data on the family is found in the Parkhurst manuscripts volume 36 pages 105-106.

Children of Samuel and Sarah[4] (Harris) Jackson recorded in New London:

i. SARAH[5] JACKSON born 5 July 1731.

ii. SAMUEL JACKSON born 14 September 1732, married New London 15 November 1753 ELIZABETH HARRIS of unknown parentage. Nine children born New London.

85. GRACE[4] HARRIS *(Mary[3] Steevens, William[2], John[1])* was born in New London 2 February 1706/7 and died there 23 March 1787. She married in New London 8 December 1726 JAMES ROGERS, born New London 7 December 1701, died there 29 March 1754, son of John and Bathsheba (Smith) Rogers. He was a cooper by trade. Details of his will, land transactions and family are found in James S. Rogers, "James Rogers of New London, Connecticut and his Descendants," Boston 1902, pages 94-95, 133-135, 148.

Children of James and Grace[4] (Harris) Rogers recorded in New London:

i. GRACE[5] ROGERS born 24 June 1730, died 14 November 1815; married New London (1) PETER ROGERS, born New London 3 October 1705, died at sea about 1767, son of James "the mariner" and Mary (Harris) Rogers; (2) 15 May 1778 as second wife JOSHUA BOLLES, son of John Bolles. Six children born New London by (1).

ii. JOHN ROGERS born 9 May 1732, died 24 October 1753.

iii. BATHSHEBA ROGERS born 14 May 1734, died 23 July 1803, married New London (no date) HENRY DESHON, born New London 28 December 1728, died there 19 May 1818, son of Daniel and Ruth (Christophers) Deshon. Ten children born New London. Henry Deshon, through his mother, was a descendant of William Brewster of the *Mayflower*.

iv. ESTHER ROGERS born 27 October 1736, died 20 March 1764; married in New London 16 February 1761 DAVID ALLEN (unplaced). His first wife was Sarah[5] Shaw (see family no. 86.)

v. ELIZABETH ROGERS born 18 November 1738, died 13 January 1739.

vi. JAMES ROGERS born 14 April 1740, died New London 24 February 1821; married New London 22 July 1764 MARY COMSTOCK, born New London 23 February 1745/6, died there 22 July 1820, daughter of Zebediah and Bethia (Prentis or Dart) Comstock. Twelve children born New London. Details on land, occupation and descendants in the *Rogers Genealogy*, pages 134-135.

vii. ELIZABETH ROGERS born 9 June 1742, died Woodside, Towanda township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania 11 August 1824; married New London 3 December 1761 ISAAC TRACY Junior, born Norwich 17 May 1731, died Vester (?), Pennsylvania 17 December 1803, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Bushnell) Tracy. Ten children born Norwich.

viii. JONATHAN ROGERS born 26 March 1745, died 16 April 1769.

ix. MARY ROGERS born 30 July 1747, married New London 12 June 1761, JAMES MONROE, who died 1770.

86. TEMPERANCE[4] HARRIS *(Mary[3] Steevens, William[2], John[1])* was baptized in New London First Church on 26 June 1709 and died New London 27 January 1796 age 87 (GS). She married in New London 5 November 1730 NATHANIEL SHAW (unplaced), who died there on 26 August 1778 age 75 (GS). He was a sea captain and made a voyage to Ireland in 1732. Data is found in Parkhurst manuscripts, volume 23, pages 276-277.

Children of Nathaniel and Temperance[4] (Harris) Shaw recorded in New London:

i. SARAH[5] SHAW born 29 March 1734, died 11 September 1759 age 25 years 5 mos (GS); married DAVID ALLEN, whose second wife was her cousin Esther ROGERS (see family no. 85.)

ii. NATHANIEL SHAW born 5 December 1735, died 15 April 1782 age 47 (GS); married New London after 1757 to his cousin LUCRETIA[5] (HARRIS) ROGERS, widow of Joseph Rogers (see family no. 89.) She died New London 11 December 1781 age 44 (GS).

iii. JOSEPH SHAW born 27 September 1737 (baptized 25 September CR) *(sic)*.

iv. THOMAS SHAW born 16 March 1739, died 26 September 1795 age 56 (GS).

v. DAVID SHAW born 27 June 1742, married GRACE COIT, born New London 27 August 1744, daughter of John and Mary (Pierce) Coit. No record of children.

vi. JOHN SHAW born 10 February 1745.

vii. WILLIAM SHAW born 22 September 1746, died 12 December 1767.

viii. MARY SHAW born 6 September 1751, died 10 June 1775 in her 24 year (GS); married 26 October 1769 Reverend EPHRAIM WOODBRIDGE, born Groton 20 June 1746, died New London 6 September 1776 age 30 (GS), son of Paul Woodbridge. He graduated from Yale in 1765 and was pastor of the First Church in New London from October 1769 until his death.

87. JOSEPH[4] HARRIS *(Mary[3] Steevens, William[2], John[1])* was born in New London 14 October 1711 and died there 21 April 1784 age 72 (GS). He married in New London 27 December 1733 PHEBE HOLT, born New London 21 June 1713, died there 12 April 1787 age 73 (GS), daughter of Nathaniel Holt. Data, including abstract of will, in Parkhursts manuscripts, volume 13, pages 52-53. Joseph Harris wrote his will on 6 March 1764, a little more than 20 years before his death. It refers to the three eldest daughters as married and the four younger ones as unmarried, so this is no help in identifying any sons-in-law. In the will he was styled Capt. Joseph Harris 2nd.

Children of Joseph[4] and Phebe (Holt) Harris recorded in New London:

i. ELIZABETH[5] HARRIS born 6 September 1734, living 1784; married (1) 15 November 1753 JOHN SHAPLEY, born New London 29 August 1722, died 23 March 1764 (GS), son of David and Abigail (Pierson) Shapley; (2) in New London 6 July 1783 EBENEZER PRENTIS.

ii. PHEBE HARRIS born 29 July 1736, died Lempster, New Hampshire 22 May 1803; married (no record) JAMES ROGERS, born New London 5 June 1733, died Lempster, New Hampshire 2 May 1803, son of James and Mary (Harris) Rogers. Will, land records, and data of seven children in the *Rogers Genealogy*, pages 149-151.

iii. JOSEPH HARRIS born 1 December 1739, died 16 July 1798 age 58 (GS); married SYBIL THROOP, born Norwich 20 January 1746/7, died New London 24 April 1808 age 61 (wife of Elias West, GS, Cedar Grove), daughter of Benjamin and Sybil Troop. Five children.

iv. MARY HARRIS born 5 July 1741; married 20 August 1761 (New London CR) ADAM SHAPLEY, born New London 23 May 1738, died 14 February 1782, son of David and Abigail (Pierson) Shapley. He was a commanding officer of Fort Griswold and died of wounds received in the British attack on 6 September 1781.

v. SARAH HARRIS born 9 June 1743; married (1) JOSEPH P. ------; (2) ---------.

vi. REBECCA HARRIS born 3 February 1746. She did *not* married (1) in 1778 Joseph Hale, brother of Nathan Hale, and (2) in 1787 Thomas Abel, as given in some sources. Mr. Donald Jacobus in *Hale-House Genealogy* proves that these marriages apply to another Rebecca Harris who was three years younger.

vii. TEMPERANCE HARRIS born 30 January 1748; married JOHN THROOP.

viii. NATHANIEL HARRIS born 7 October 1750, died 30 October 1751.

ix. LYDIA HARRIS born 14 December 1754; married a Robertson, and her three children were mentioned in the estate of her brother Joseph Harris. He was probably PATRICK ROBERTSON, who died 21 April 1797 age 47 (GS). Their daughter Lydia Robertson died 6 November 1839 age 59 (GS in Cedar Grove Cemetery).

88. JOHN[4] HARRIS *(Mary[3] Steevens, William[2], John[1])* was born in New London 18 April 1715 and died there 19 March 1779. He married in New London, first, 31 March 1737 ELIZABETH CHAMPLAIN, daughter of John Champlain (Champlin?) of Lyme, who died 11 June 1749, following the birth of her last child; second, 10 March 1754 DEBORAH ROGERS, born New London 6 December 1716, daughter of John and Bathsheba (Smith) Rogers. Data is found in Parkhurst manuscripts, volume 13, page 54.

Children of John[4] and Elizabeth (Champlain) Harris recorded in New London:

i. ELIZABETH[5] HARRIS born 3 January 1737/8, died Norwich 30 July 1762; married 20 January 1760 CHRISTOPHER LEFFINGWELL, born Norwich 11 June 1734, son of Benajah and Joanna (Christophers) Leffingwell. He married (2) Elizabeth Coit.

ii. JOANNA HARRIS born 2 March 1738/9, died New London 12 January 1775 in 36th year (GS); married there 4 November 1759 (CR) EBENEZER HOLT, baptized New London 29 July 1733, son of William and Catharine (Butler) Holt. Ten children.

iii. GRACE HARRIS born 23 February 1740/1; married 14 July 1782 ROBERT SMITH "from Stewarts Town, County Tyrone, Ireland" (New London VR).

iv. JOHN HARRIS born 8 June 1743, died 1 October 1820 "Commodore John Harris 3d"; married in New London (1) 25 February 1768 HANNAH ROGERS; born 8 April 1740, died 22 March 1793, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Gardner) Rogers; (2) 25 January 1794 LOIS LEACH, who died 2 July 1819. Eight children by (1) and two died young by (2). See *Rogers Genealogy*, pages 140-141. He served as a Private in the Revolutionary War and is a DAR Patriot ancestor.

v. ANN HARRIS born 27 January 1745/6.

vi. DANIEL HARRIS born 6 March 1747/8, died 6 October 1771 (GS).

vii. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS born 26 March 1749, died 31 December 1751.

89. DAVID[4] HARRIS *(Mary[3] Steevens, William[2], John[1])* was baptized New London 20 July 1718 and died there previous to 22 April 1739, before he was 21 years of age (*Hempstead Diary* page 394); married New London 18 April 1738 LUCY TINKER, who died there 5 March 1800, daughter of John and Hannah Tinker. She married, second, 21 February 1744 Peter Rogers, son of William and Elizabeth (Harris) Rogers, by whom she had six more children. Details of his family and estate in Parkhurst manuscripts, volume 13, pages 55-56.

Child of David[4] and Lucy (Tinker) Harris born New London:

i. LUCRETIA[5] HARRIS baptized First Church 22 April 1739. She married (1) JOSIAH ROGERS, born 1731, died 10 September 1757 of small pox, son of William and Elizabeth (Harris) Rogers, and brother of her step-father; (2) her cousin NATHANIEL SHAW Jr. (see family no. 86). Her only child by (1) died young.

There are several marriages in Killingworth VR and CR for fourth and fifth generation female descendants, who cannot be placed with certainty. One of these is Sarah Steevens who married Elisha Kelsey 2d (see family no. 58).

The only male of this period who cannot be placed after considerable search is ELIAKIM STEEVENS who married in Killingworth 29 May 1758 PRUDENCE[5] CHITTENDEN, who has a double Steevens descent (see family no. 53). All records of this family are from the Killingworth CR, where it is stated that Eliakim died 9 February 1806 age 63. Widow Prudence died 2 April 1832 age 94½. There is a problem with Eliakim's year of birth, because this would place him in 1743 and thus make him only 14 at the time of his marriage. It would appear that he must have been 73 at death, thus born in 1733. One Eliakim born that year lived and raised a family in Guilford. The Barbour copy of Killingworth VR also shows an Eliakim Steevens born 13 April 1744, son of William and Anne Perry (perhaps Eliakim Perry). The original entry has not been seen, but this apparently does not mean that the child born in 1744 was an illegitimate son of William Steevens and Anne Perry. There was a William Perry who owned land in Killingworth in 1746. There is no clue in the land records to the parentage of Eliakim Steevens.

Children of Eliakim and Prudence[5] (Chittenden) Steevens baptized in Killingworth church:

i. LOVINA[6] STEEVENS baptized 21 October 1759, died 23 November 1837 age 77.

ii. ROGER STEEVENS baptized 19 April 1761.

iii. EUNICE STEEVENS baptized 19 December 1762.

iv. PRUDENCE STEEVENS baptized 19 April 1767.

v. ELIAKIM STEEVENS baptized 1 January 1769.

vi. PENINNAH or PENINAH STEEVENS baptized 14 October 1770.

vii. MATILDA or MILDA STEEVENS baptized 5 July 1772, died 26 October 1835 age 63.

viii. TAMESIN STEEVENS baptized 13 November 1774.

ix. ABI STEEVENS (daughter) baptized 25 August 1776.

x. RISPA STEEVENS (daughter) baptized 1 April 1781.

APPENDIX A

Inventory of John Stevens of Guilford, New Haven Probate Records Volume I Part II page 37, directly following the will.

November 2d:1670: An Inventory taken of the estate of John Stephens senr. deceased which he had att Kellingworth.

	lb sh d
Imps: one payre of sheets 14s. one payre of sheets 15s. one payre of sheets 16	02:05:00
It : one payre of sheets 8s. three sheet 18s. one sheet 3s. one shirt 5s.	01:14:00
It : one shirt 5s. one shirt 3s. a course table cloath 1s.6d. five table napkins 10s.	00:19:06
It : one table cloath 6s. one payre of stockings 3s.6d. an old payre of drawers 2s.6d. 2 banding	00:12:00
It : old cloaths 3s. an old payre of boots 4s. a cushin 2s. one box small things in it 6s.	00:15:00
It : 2 pewter platters 12s. and old hat & neckcloath 2s.6d. a velvet cap 1s.6d.	00:16:00
It : one chest 6s. another chest 6s. a box 1s. a hand basket 1s. one shirt 6s.	01:00:00
It : a payre of stockings. 2s. one band, one handkercheife. 2s.6d. one cloak 1 lb. 4s.	01:08:06
It : a wascoate 14s. a payre of drawers 6s. a serge jackett 8s.	01:08:00
It : a cloath coate & breeches 1 lb 15s. one hatt 1 lb 7s. a payre of boots 12s.	03:14:00
It : chissells 6s. other severall tools 6s. a great auger & other tools 6s.	00:18:00
It : A hand saw pease hooke & broad axe forke tines other small things	00:09:00
It : A chamber pott & drinking cup 6s. a flock bed 1 lb 15s. a bolster 14s. a pillow 7s.	03:02:00
It : A rug 10s. a coverlett 10s. 2 blankets 18s. one curtaine 5s. foure pillow coats	02:14:00
It : one little pillow & coate 2s. one old coate & other old cloaths 1 lb. 6s. 1 payre of shoes 5s.	01:13:00
It : one hatt 8s. one old wascoate 2s. pitchforke, axe & lead weights(?) 7s.	00:17:00
It : a saddle, one spur, a dripping pan a sive, two iron hooks payls	00:11:00
It : one mare 3 lb. one cow 3 lb. 6s. two feather pillows 11. one little pillow 2s.	06:19:00
It : two pillow coats ?s. a payre ? 2 platters some ?? small pewter	00:16:00
It : one old holland shirt	00:04:00
	32:15:00

Taken by us Edward Griswold
Josiah Hobbs

APPENDIX A

An inventory of y^{e} estate of John Stephens deceased y^{e} is here in Guilford Nov. 6th Anno 1670

	lb sh d
Imp^{s} his homestead, buildings orchards meadow at East River	65:00:00
It : one cowe one heifer of 3 yeares 6 lb. 10s. one colt comeing 2 years old 1 lb. 15s.	08=05=00
It : one horse, one colt comeing 3 years old	07=00=00
It : a warming pan 5s. a skillet 5s. a lesser scillet 3s. an old brass kettle 4s.	00=17=00
It : a lesser old kettle 2s. an iron pott 10s. a spade 1s. 3d. an old hetchell 1s. 6	00=14=09
It : a hammer, a chissell an auger 2?s. two adds 4s. 6d./ 2 small planes 2s. a joyning plane 3s.	00:11:06
It : a hatchet 2s. 6d./ 2 great planes 3s. old wooden things 6d./ payre of scales 1s. 6d.	00:07:06
It : a fro, 2s./ a chopping board, a dozen of trechers 2s./ a half bushell, peck & gallon 3s.	00:07:00
It : bed cord 1s. 3d./ a bedstead 16s./ two barrells 5s. 6d.? flax 14s. a candlestick 3s.	01:19:05
It : a white pot 6d./ curry comb 4d./ 2 sives a basket 2s. 6d./ 27 lb of flax 1 lb. 11s./ a box 2s. 6d.	01:16:10
It : a hat & cap 8d./ a broken sword scabbard 3s. 6d. Nayles 1s. 6d./ old iron 5s. tobaccoe 2s. 6d.	00:13:02
It : an old chayne 3s./ bag & feathers, curtaine 1s./ old things 1s. three pecks of salt 3s.	00:08:00
It : salt box 1s. 3d./ old wooden things 13s./ A bible 1 lb./ table & forme 7s./ trough & cover 3s. 6d.	02:04:09
It : a kettle 1 lb./ a presse 12s./ five wooden vessells 3s.6d./ three earthen vessells 2s. 6d.	01:18:00
It : butter tub 1s. 6d./ candlesticke 8d./ drinke vessell 1s. 6d./ iron pot 2s./ pot hanger 1s.	00:06:08
It : brammel, tongs 4s. 6d./ chayne 2s./ picke? 6d./ 2 hoes? 5s./ an old sithe wedge? 1s.	00:13:00
It : a barrill 1s./ 2 small iron wedges 1s. 6d.	00:02:06
	93:05:01

It : debts due to the^{e} estate 03^{lbs}:00^{sh}:02
debts due from y^{e} estate 20: 07: 02
one more questionable whether liveing.

Apprized by us William Seaward
William Johnson

APPENDIX B

The problem of John Stevens, Junior, son of John of Guilford, Connecticut.

In the family of JOHN STEVENS of Guilford, Connecticut, the only reference to a son JOHN is found in the will of the father in New Haven probate records, written in Guilford on 27 August 1670, while he was on his death bed. The important words are: "to my sonne William Stephens all my housing and home lott...here in Guilford, he paying out of it Twenty pounds, ten pound to my sonne John Stephens in old England, to be payd here in currant pay in New England, & ten pound to my daughter Mary Collins..." Later the balance of the personal estate was to be divided between Thomas, William, and Mary, the three children who were with him--no mention of John.

The usual presumption has been that John Jr. was married in England and remained there when his father and siblings came to America in 1639. Not enough is known of the birth dates of the children to make this improbable.

In the C. Ellis Stevens genealogy of this family, however, John Stevens of New London and New Haven was taken to be that son of John of Guilford, and considerable space was devoted to an account of his descendants. In the later *Steevens Gen.* Mrs. Holmes says of John junior "probably never came to this country." Talcott's manuscript of Guilford families says that John jr. "remained in England."

None of the early histories of Guilford mentions sons other than Thomas and William, and these are the only ones of the second generation who are found in the Guilford-Killingworth area. Is there a chance that their brother John was in Connecticut and settled in New Haven? To study this possibility it is necessary to tell all that we know of the latter. Much of the account depends on D. L. Jacobus, *Families of Ancient New Haven*, pages 1700-1701, with emphasis on certain of the early dates and a discussion of this problem as communicated to me by Miss Jean Rumsey of Oak Park, Illinois.

The first mention of this other John Stevens is in the court records of New London County, book I pages 60 and 65: 9 November 1665 "John Steevens and Marye his wife presented for lewdness committed by them before marriage." Later: "John Steuens & Mary his wife being complayned of for committing folly before marriage..." were fined £5, which was paid 9 May 1666. The identity of this wife is known. She was Mary Coit, daughter of John and Mary Coit, early settlers of New London. The next record of John and Mary is in the New London church, when they had children John and Mary baptized 12 March 1671, and a son James baptized 17 September 1671. Three children would seem about right for this six-year period, but there are, as usual, no vital records for either the marriage or the births.

John Stevens and his family had moved to New Haven before 20 September 1674, when they had a son Samuel baptized there, and it is not necessary to follow the rest of their career in New Haven, since Mister Jacobus has all of them down to 1800, male lines with the Stevens family and females lines under their husband's names, so far as they stayed in the New Haven area. Many of them joined the Episcopal Church in West Haven. It is interesting to note that the New Haven records have evidence that John Stevens was a shipwright by trade.

Let us suppose that the first child John had already been born not long before the court case of November 1665, though I note that Miss Rumsey assumes only that the parents were married before that date (and probably also that the mother was obviously with child, though my impression is that the numerous prosecutions for fornication in either court or church records were brought up only after the birth of the child. It is obvious, though, that at that time they did not have a good concept of births which occur before a complete term.)

We then have a family something like this: John born say October 1665; Mary born say 1668 and both Mary and John baptized 12 March 1671; James baptized 17 September 1671 and so born after 12 March and probably nearer to early September. So far as we can judge from the other births, the children in this family occurred once in three years, so this may be about right.

Why did the parents not have the first two children baptized soon after birth? Were they not church members until early 1671? Or were they not in New London or even in America? It is unlikely that they just did not get around to it for a few years.

Here I have to quote Jean Rumsey again, as she has developed a fascinating theory: "It does seem at least possible that John went back to England after his marriage and the court case, and then came to America to collect his inheritance, and stayed. Word could have gotten to him in England in the Fall of 1670, following his father's death." She admits that this depends on whether he could make a winter crossing and get back to New London by March 1671. (I have recently found a Mayflower descendant in the Bradford family, who was living in New London in 1694, when her husband died. When she had succeeded in obtaining a claim for his estate in England, she applied late one October for a letter of authority from the probate court, since "all the fall ships will sail in about a fortnight, or three weeks at farther." Otherwise she and her family of three small children would be in a precarious situation, since it would be necessary for the money to remain in the hands of the agent in London until spring.)

It is curious that the dates overlap in this way:

John of New London in court November 1665.

John of Guilford wrote will August 1670 and mentioned son John in England.

John of New London there in March 1671.

Was it really necessary for the son to return in person to claim his request? I note that the will does not say specifically that the son must collect the money "in person." Surely he could have had an attorney collect the money for him, payable in New England currency, and send it to England. Yet it would have been possible for the father to state more clearly that the son must come in person to collect, if he had so desired.

Finally, I must mention that nowhere did Mister Jacobus even hint at the possibility that John Stevens of New Haven had a father in Connecticut, although he must certainly have been well acquainted with John Stevens of Guilford and his known sons.

All of this argument is based on negative evidence, and I do not insist on it too strongly. I do not see that it is possible to prove that the two Johns were related, or even that they were not. In view of the fact that the descendants of John Stevens of New Haven are easily available in an excellent account, my solution is not to include that information in this book, but to leave the question open until such time as some researcher in England succeeds in finding the original records of one or more Steevens families, which will lead to a solution of the several problems involved.

APPENDIX C

HENRY KINGSNORTH came to Guilford with the first shipload of planters in July 1639. His house was on the west side of State Street, and it is believed that part of it is contained in the Comfort Starr house, occupied in 1939 by Mrs. Edward L. Rawson. It was built in 1646, or possibly as early as 1642. Henry's will contains the following clause: "I give and bequeath to the church here fifteen pounds to buy such utensils for the sacrament withal as they shall see cause." The silver beaker which was purchased at that time has survived to the present day, the oldest piece of communion silver in Connecticut. It has been described with a photograph in Mary Hoadley Griswold, *History of the Ancient Communion Silver owned by the First Congregational Church, Guilford*, with a sermon on "The Symbolism of the Ancient Communion Silver," by Reverend Frederic E. Snow, February 25, 1917. The beaker bears the initials of the silver-maker, William Rouse of Boston.

After the death of Henry Kingsnorth, his nephew James Kingsnorth came from Staplehurst to claim his uncle's property. James himself died in 1682 without issue, and provided in a nuncupative will that the estate should go to any of his brothers and sisters who might come to claim it within five years; otherwise it should go to his uncle and aunt Collins, they sending to each of his brothers or their sons a piece of plate worth three pounds in England. The brothers Daniel and John acknowledged the gift in 1686 and conveyed the real estate to John Collins.

APPENDIX D

1. Will of Ebenezer Steevens

The will of Ebenezer Steevens of Killingworth in Guilford probate was dated 5 March 1736 and devises much land to all of the heirs mentioned: wife Jean, including one piece in Saybrook on the Killingworth line; nephew Thomas Steevens, he to pay kinswoman Sarah Post £15; Thaddeus Steevens, son a Abel Steevens, my homestead, which he is not to sell until he is 30 years of age (it is clear that Abel hinself is alive and has a house of his own); Amos Steevens, land purchased of his father James Steevens; Ebenezer Steevens son of Jonathan, land purchased of Nathaniel Parmele and a half acre of meadow by Great Hammock Beach; Ebenezer Post, son of Daniel Post Jr. of Saybrook; David Steevens oldest son to Thomas Steevens; Sibel Post and Mary Post, daughters to Daniel Post Jr.; Samuel Lynde Esq. to be executor with wife Jeane. The witnesses were Gideon Wellman, John Kelcey Jr., Josiah Rossetter. The first codicil was dated 10 November 1738 and adds a provision for loving kinsman Richard Redfield of Killingworth; a second undated codicil mentions loving cousin Abraham Steevens. The will was proved 21 November 1738. Inventory taken 8 December 1738 totals £368-02-08.

2. Will of Jane Steevens

The will of Jane Steevens in Guilford probate was written 1 August 1749 and proved 1 September 1752, witnessed by Aaron Eliot, Daniel Gray, Stephen Colver, and drawn in favor of her own heirs: Daniel Redfield's son Daniel, my loving cousin; brother Theophilus Redfield's four daughters; sister Rebecka - her three daughters; cousin Richard Redfield's two eldest children; cousin Ebenezer Redfield; cousin Peleg Redfield. She designated cousin Josiah Hull of Killingworth to be executor, but he must have declined, as Daniel Redfield was appointed administrator with the will annexed 19 December 1752. The estate consisted entirely of personal property in cash, and no inventory was taken.

WILLIAM STEEVENS OF KILLINGWORTH, MASS.: A NEW MAYFLOWER LINE

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MELATIAH[3] BRADFORD, daughter of William[2] and Alice (Richards) Bradford, and granddaughter of Governor William Bradford of the *Mayflower*, was born in Plymouth, Mass., 1 November 1664 and married in Hartford, Conn., about 1682, John Steele, son of James and Bethiah (Bishop) Steele, born in Hartford about 1660, died there, 6 March 1698 (probate in Manwaring, *Early Connecticut Probate Records*, 1 (1902): 587, mentions three minor children, Bethia, John, and Ebenezer Steele). By 15 December 1715 Bethia had married Samuel Shepherd of Hartford, who moved the Probate Court for distribution of the estate of John Steele, Jr., deceased. Notice was sent to Melatiah Stevens of Killingworth, widow. Melatiah had married secondly, probably in Killingworth about 1702, Samuel Steevens, son of William and Mary (Meiggs) Steevens, born in Guilford 1 March 1656, died in Killingworth before 7 July 1712, the date of his inventory in New London probate book A :643. Samuel's first wife Elizabeth _____ had died 30 May 1701, the mother of five children.

When Melatiah Steevens swore to the inventory on 12 August 1712, she listed the ages of the children thus:

John Stevens	aged 27 years
Saml Stevens	" 25
William	6
Temperance	29
Tamison	22
Mary	16
Elizabeth	9

APPENDIX E

From the date of death of Samuel Steevens' first wife in 1701 it is evident that the younger children, Elizabeth and William, must have been the children of Melatiah. Unfortunately, the original documents printed in a family account in *A Genealogy of the Lineal Descendants of John Steevens, who Settled in Guilford, Conn. in 1645*, compiled by Charlotte Steevens Holmes (Elmira, N.Y., 1906), have William's age as 26, not 6. Mrs. Holmes must have thought that from the position of William's name in the list he had to be close to the ages of the others mentioned before and after him. Actually, the court followed the usual custom of naming the sons in order of age, then the daughters in the same order.

Lineages from three of the children of Melatiah (Bradford) (Steele) Steevens have long been accepted for membership in the society of Mayflower Descendants. These are: Bethia Steele, wife of Samuel Shepherd; Ebenezer Steele, who lived with his mother in Killingworth, then returned to Hartford after his marriage to Susannah Merrill; Elizabeth Steevens, born about 1703, married in Killingworth, 30 August 1724, John Hubbard, whose family is given in full in Donald L. Jacobus' *New Haven Genealogical Magazine*, 4 (1926): 864-867. It is the purpose of this article to establish William Steevens as another Bradford descendant and to correct other errors in the published reports of his marriage and descendants. For ease in tracing his lineage from Governor Bradford of the *Mayflower* we are listing William as William^{4} Steevens *(Melatiah^{3} Bradford, William^{2}, Gov. William^{1})*.

1. WILLIAM STEEVENS was born in Killingworth and died before 3 September 1751, the date of his inventory in Guilford probate. The Barbour collection of vital records of Connecticut actually has a transcript of book 2, page 160, of Killingworth vital records for William, son of Samuel and Melatiah Steevens, born 2 February 1715/6. Since Samuel had died in 1712, this is undoubtedly an error for 1705/06, which would make William just six years old in 1712.

He married in Killingworth, 26 August 1734 (Vital Records, 2:191), Ruhamah Earl of Killingworth. It has not been possible to identify Ruhamah or her sister Elizabeth who married Lemuel Hull, but there was a Henry Earl, weaver, who had land grants from Killingworth, and who sold land there in 1742 and 1749. Unfortunately, Mrs. Holmes, thinking that Samuel's son William was born in 1686 and would have been 48 years of age in 1734, has assigned this marriage to another William Steevens, son of John and Abigail (Cole) Steevens, born in Killingworth 24 September 1701 or 1702. Sufficient evidence has been developed by me elsewhere (to be published soon in a new John Steevens Genealogy) to prove that William, son of John, went with two or more brothers to Dutchess County, New York. There is more good evidence on William, son of Samuel. When William, husband of Ruhamah, died, his brother Samuel Steevens administered his estate, and some of the children chose Samuel for their guardian, calling him "uncle." William, son of Samuel, did have an older half-brother Samuel, but there was no Samuel in the family of John Steevens. There is further coincidence in the use of names, in that William and Ruhamah gave a son the uncommon name of Leverett, which was also the name of the first child of William's sister, Elizabeth Hubbard.

The death of Melatiah (Bradford) (Steele) Steevens was not recorded, but she and her son William received land grants from the town of Killingworth on several occasions. The last one recorded to "Maletiah" Steevens was on 7 December 1737 (Land Records, 6:123) and she sold this on 24 April 1739 to "my son-in-law (i.e. step-son) Samuel Steevens" (*ibid.*, 270). This is the latest date on which it is known that she was alive; she would have been in her 75th year.

APPENDIX E

The six children of William and Ruhamah Steevens were listed when the inventory of his estate was presented, and again when the estate was settled and distribution made 21 November 1753. There is no reference in probate papers or in any later records to the widow Ruhamah. She may have died between 1747 and 1751. The numerous guardianships for the children are mentioned with each member of the family. It appears that the three older boys, William, Christopher, and John, were brought up by their uncle Samuel Steevens, the next son Leverett by his aunt Elizabeth Hubbard in New Haven, the girl Ruhamah and the youngest boy Moses by their uncle Lemuel Hull of Killingworth.

Children of William and Ruhamah (Earl) Steevens, recorded in Killingworth Vital Records, 2: 160:

i. RUHAMAH[5], born 20 April 1735, also called Amy in the probate records. She chose Lemuel Hull her guardian 26 March 1752, and when she gave him a receipt on 15 January 1754 she called him "uncle." Lemuel had married Elizabeth Earl, sister of Ruhamah the mother, 24 December 1729.

2. ii. WILLIAM, born 1 September 1736.

3. iii. CHRISTOPHER, born 13 September 1738.

iv. JOHN, born 4 August 1740; had Samuel Steevens for guardian 31 March 1752. in 1770 he was a resident of the Island of Guadeloupe in the West Indies. (see deeds abstracted below)

4. v. LEVERETT, born 19 September 1742.

vi. MOSES, born 30 August 1747; had Lemuel Hull for guardian 31 March 1752. He was "deceased" before 9 March 1762 when his brother William sold a share inherited from Moses. (see deed below)

2. WILLIAM[5] STEEVENS *(William[4], Melatiah[3] Bradford, William[2], Gov. William[1])*, born 1 September 1736, died in Hartford before 4 March 1763, the date of the administration of his estate (Hartford probate #5219).

He married 9 July 1761, Elisabeth Sedgwick, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Brace) Sedgwick, baptized in West Hartford 5 July 1741, died on 24 November 1802. She married secondly, 23 January 1766, James Taylor of Hartford who died in 1772. She married thirdly, Ebenezer Kneeland, with whom she is buried in the Center Cemetery, Hartford.

William chose Samuel Steevens his guardian 3 February 1752. When he gave a receipt 19 May 1760 he was called "William Stephens of Hartford." Killingworth Land Records, 9: 248, also contains a conveyance dated 9 March 1762, from William Steevens of Hartford to Theophilus Morgan of "a certain lott in Killingworth set off to William from his father, being one-fifth of the lot," and also the part that belonged to William's brother Moses, deceased.

William Steevens had enlisted in the army from Hartford for service in the Colonial Wars in 1756, and may have remained in service until he died in 1763. He served under a "Capt. DiLoys." A Mrs. Stevens received expenses for caring for her ill husband in 1761. His estate was administered jointly with that of Joseph Blancher and both of the deceased had military wages due to them. The administrator was John Steel with Elisha Steel as surety (Hartford probate #5219). John and Elisha were sons of Ebenezer Steel, and cousins of William Steevens.

William Steevens was offered communion in the West Hartford Church 18 April 1762.

Child of William and Elizabeth (Sedgwick) Steevens:

i. ELIZABETH, baptized 13 June 1762 (West Hartford Church Records). There is no further record of her.

3. CHRISTOPHER[5] STEEVENS *(William[4], Melatiah[3] Bradford, William[2], Gov. William[1])*, born 13 September 1738, died in Killingworth 4 September 1787 (Church Records).

He married in Killingworth, 27 September 1764, his third cousin once removed, Naomi Steevens, daughter of Amos and Mary (Stannard) Steevens, born in Killingworth 23 April 1737. Their children were recorded in Killingworth vital records with the mother's name spelled Neomey. Each of the children was baptized in Killingworth Church on the Sunday following birth.

Christopher Steevens, a minor under 14, had Samuel Steevens for guardian 31 March 1752, and on 2 December 1754, aged over 14, again chose Samuel as guardian. In Killingworth Land Records, 9:442, he sold to Samuel Hezelton of Derby, Conn., for £20 New York money "a full quarter of my right in land and buildings of my Honoured father William Steevens, late of Killingworth deceased, plus rights that may accrue by the deaths of other heirs," dated 30 May 1761 and acknowledged the same day in Dutchess County, New York.

He was offered communion in the Killingworth Church 6 May 1764 and was a faithful member until his death. There is no probate of his estate.

Children of Christopher and Naomi (Steevens) Steevens:

i. WILLIAM, born 22 February 1767.

ii. RUHAMAH, born 25 October 1768; married 7 January 1790 Didymus Johnson of Haddam, Connecticut (Church Records, 2: 70).

iii. EUNICE, born 24 August 1770.

iv. LUCINDA, born 31 August 1772; died "10 weeks after."

v. MOSES, born 12 May 1774.

vi. LUCINDA, born 16 March 1777.

4. LEVERETT[5] STEEVENS *(William[4], Melatiah[3] Bradford, William[2], Gov. William[1])* born 19 September 1742, became a sea captain. He was reported "last seen on the coast of Florida" 24 October 1799.

He married in New Haven 24 October 1771, Esther Macumber, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah (Cooper) Macumber, baptized in New Haven 2 September 1750, died there 14 August 1829, aged 79.

Leverett probably went to New Haven to live with his aunt Elizabeth Hubbard, as no guardianship is found for him in Guilford probate. The clue to his residence is found in deeds recorded in Killingworth Land Records, 11:77: John Steevens of Guadeloupe (the name is very difficult to read, but becomes certain after two repetitions in the following instrument)...constitute my well beloved brother Leverett Steevens of Newhaven, mariner, my lawful attorney to sell all my real estate in the Colony of Connecticut.

The above deed was dated 8 February 1770 and witnessed by Abiathar Camp and Moses Sawyer. Four months later, 2 June 1770, Leverett Steevens by a deed witnessed by Nathan Hill and John Morgain leased land which he held in common with his brother: Leverett Steevens of Newhaven, agent and attorney for John Steevens of the Island of Guardeloup in the West Indies lease to Theophilus Morgan Esq. of Killingworth for £8 in full what was set to me and John of Guadiloupe of our father William deceased and also our brother Moses Steevens late of Killingworth deceased.

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Children of Leverett and Esther (Macumber) Steevens, some recorded in New Haven, all baptized in the First Church (from Donald L. Jacobus, *New Haven Genealogical Magazine*, 7 (1931): 1704):

i. LEVERETT, born 4 July 1773; married 7 September 1796, Nancy Thomas.

ii. EARL, born 3 October 1775; died 17 May 1838; married (1) Wallingford 1795, Rhoda Ford, born about 1778, died 20 February 1811, aged 33; (2) Maria _____. Five children by first wife, born New Haven.

iii. DANIEL, baptized 8 February 1778; died 4 July 1796.

iv. SARAH, baptized 12 November 1780; married 31 May 1804, William Butler.

v. JOHN, born 16 February 1783.

vi. ESTHER, baptized 28 May 1786; married 22 May 1804, Henry Osborne.

vii. HANNAH, baptized 1 March 1789.

viii. ISAAC, born 17 August 1793.

All descendants of William Steevens of Killingworth by his wife Ruhamah Earl thus have a proved line of descent from Gov. William Bradford of the *Mayflower*.

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